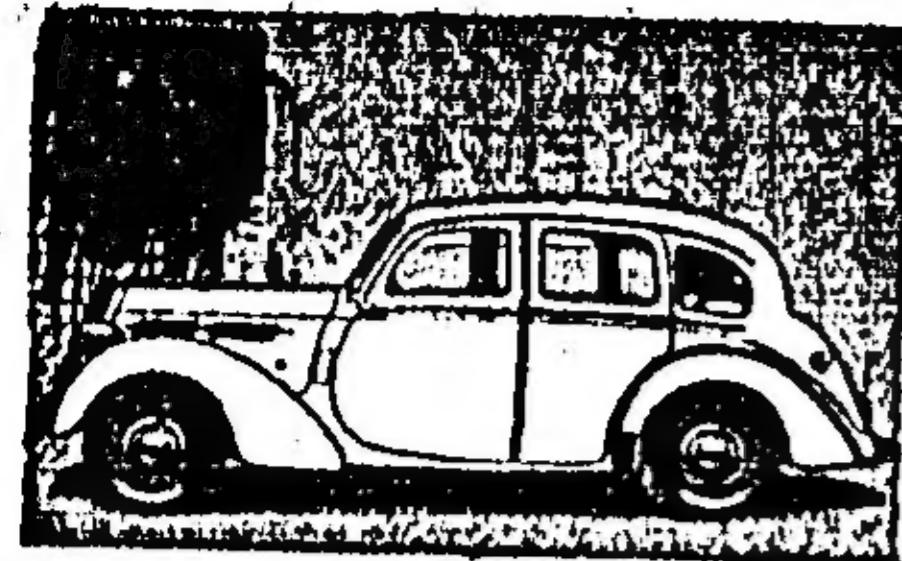


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WAR IN 1939 INEVITABLE, U.S. AMBASSADORS WARN SECRET SESSION OF CONGRESS COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.
ACCORDING TO THE CONSIDERED OPINION OF AMERICAN
DIPLOMATS, A GENERAL EUROPEAN WAR BEFORE THE
COMING SUMMER AT PRESENT APPEARS INEVITABLE, SAYS A
"UNITED PRESS" MESSAGE.

The report says that Mr. William C. Bullitt, Ambassador to France, and Mr. Joseph Kennedy, Ambassador to London, have informed the Congressional Committee for Military Affairs that the outbreak of a general European war before the summer at present appeared inevitable.

It is reported that the ambassadors gave pictures of France unwilling to proceed any further with the appeasement policy. They predict that, despite the current British doctrine of "peace at any price," it appeared probable that Britain would be drawn into war as a natural ally of France.

Questioned at length, the ambassadors are reported to have answered frankly, but they refrained from mentioning American policy, except to express the belief that the United States would not be drawn into the conflict immediately.

Nazis Strong Position

It is reported that they stressed Germany's strong position in armaments, particularly aeroplanes, which they attributed to the copying and perfecting of American mass-production methods.

Meanwhile, according to reports, they asserted that Britain and France had lagged in re-armament, which was the chief factor of Britain's conciliatory attitude.

However, the ambassadors represented that France was no longer willing to back down before Totalitarian demands, despite apparent inferiority in armaments.—United Press.

"CRISIS OF

FIRST MAGNITUDE"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.
APPEARING AT A joint
private sitting of the Military
Affairs Committees of the House of
Representatives and the
Senate to-day, the United States
Ambassadors to Britain and
France gave first-hand accounts
of the European situation.

One congressman who was present said afterwards that the two Ambassadors "outlined European affairs step by step from the time of the Munich conference, and showed the trend of affairs."

He added: "It certainly was a dismal picture for peace."

Another committee member said that both Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Bullitt dealt partly with the British and French policies, and the chances the two nations had of "appeasing" Mussolini and Hitler. He said: "They appeared none too hopeful over the prospects."

UTTERLY CHAOTIC

The two diplomats were before the Committee almost two hours, and it is reliably stated that they made no recommendations for increasing American defence forces, but confined themselves to painting a picture of the "utterly chaotic" conditions in Europe.

SENATOR REYNOLDS, who was one of those present, created a stir at the end of the meeting by announcing that he would shortly make a speech in the Senate disclosing everything (Continued on Page 4.)

AN HISTORIC SPEECH
Roosevelt Praised by Anthony Eden

LONDON, Jan. 10.
THE DEFINITION by President Roosevelt of the American attitude to the problems of the modern world would surely become historic, declared Mr. Anthony Eden, speaking as a guest at the American Chamber of Commerce in London to-day.

He added: "That speech is in itself a masterpiece of clarity and I am sure my British friends will agree with me when I say that it is difficult to exaggerate the tonic which the way along which all the 'United Nations' of the world would people."—Reuter.



KING CAROL

Assassins' Bomb For King Carol

Premature Explosion Uearths Plot

LONDON, Jan. 10.
THE DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT of the "Daily Telegraph & Morning Post" states that reports reaching London leave no doubt that a plot against the life of King Carol has been frustrated during the past 48 hours.

The Iron Guards, Rumanian's Fascist organisation, are believed to have been responsible for the plot.

The plot was brought to light by the premature explosion of a bomb which led to the discovery of the assassins.

Wholesale arrests have been made and the Government is adopting drastic measures against the Fascist organisation.

The plot is believed to have been hatched in retaliation for the recent killing of Corneliu Codreanu, the terrorist anti-Semitic Fascist leader of the Iron Guard.

The Iron Guard organisation, which has been suppressed by order of King Carol, boasted 1,300,000 followers in Rumania.

BERLIN, Jan. 10.
DR. SCHACHT, President of the Reichsbank, is expected to return from Basle to-night to begin discussions to-morrow with the Refugee Committee, headed by Mr. George Rublee. The committee arrived here to-day.

It is learned that discussions will be based on the plan which Dr. Schacht took to London, but it is understood that Dr. Schacht has hinted that the plan is not German's last word.

Germany apparently imagines that world Jewry is prepared to call on the anti-German boycott in order to help their brethren in Germany, but there is good reason to believe that foreign Jewish resources are already drained, assisting German Jews.

Dr. Schacht is understood to have given a definite assurance that there will be no further anti-Jewish measures in Germany unless negotiations for an emigration loan break down.—Reuter.

SASSOON SENDS AID TO SHIAH JEWS

SHANGHAI, Jan. 10.
Coincident with the arrival next Sunday of the Italian liner, Victoria, bringing 200 German-Jewish refugees here to soar towards the 2,000 mark, the Jewish Committee has announced that Sir Victor Sassoon, the "richest foreigner in the Far East," has cabled from England remitting a large but undisclosed sum of money.

The arrival of the Victoria disproves reports that the Japanese authorities are planning not to permit Jews to land.—United Press.

Kinshan Goes To Canton

THE STEAMBOAT COMPANY'S Steamer Kinshan departed for Canton this morning.

She is the first merchant vessel, other than the relief Steamer Wuchang, to go to Canton since the Japanese occupation of that city.

The Kinshan departed at 8 a.m. with 40 European passengers on board for Shamen.

The trip is the result of repeated consultations between the British and Japanese authorities, and it is hoped a regular bi-weekly service will be inaugurated in the near future.

In accordance with the understanding reached between the Japanese and the Company, no Chinese passengers and cargo are on board, nor is any mail being carried.

BELGIUM IS IMPATIENT Breakdown of Non-Intervention

THE THREAT THAT Belgium would withdraw from the Non-Intervention Committee unless the committee was able to carry out its decisions, particularly for the withdrawal of volunteers from Spain, was made by M. Spank, the Belgian Premier in a statement to the press to-day.

He declared: "Belgium has applied the principles of non-intervention with vigorous loyalty, and she is under a moral obligation to reconsider her position if the Non-Intervention Committee is unable to ensure its decisions being carried out."—Reuter.

BRITISH ACTION IN EAST PENDING?

LONDON, Jan. 10.
PROLIFIC REPORTS continue to appear in the newspapers that the British Government is preparing positive action in the not distant future in defence of British trade and the support of China.

The "Birmingham Post" declares: "Soon after the reassembly of Parliament, the Government will be in a position to announce steps to be taken for the defence of British interests in the Far East."

Well-informed persons regard this as considerably exceeding the actualities.

The "Financial Review" says that the Government is seriously considering two courses of action. One is direct support of the Chinese Government, firstly by a currency loan, and secondly, by measures designed to "have a more direct influence on the trade and finance of Japan than upon the powers of Chinese resistance."

The paper, however, learns that the Government has no intention of imposing a general embargo on Japanese exports to Britain at present.

VESTED INTERESTS

Part of the difficulty in the way of trade retaliation, "Reuter" learns, is the objections of interests in the Dominions which are doing business with Japan in metals, cotton and wool. It is understood that Washington is similarly hampered by oil, cotton, scrap, and machine and tool interests.

On the other hand, undoubtedly the British Government's attitude is hardening and opinion is gaining ground that there is nothing to be gained by diplomatic protests.

Nothing legally prevents Great Britain from lending a hand to China, but as regards direct defence of British interests in the Far East, there is ground for believing that the Government may send to Japan a comprehensive note comparable with that of the United States on December 31, as a final effort to obtain redress of British complaints, before trying sterner measures.—Reuter.

Italian Kidnapped Near Ming Tombs

PEKING, Jan. 10.
An Italian, Signor Frank Poletti, postal commissioner for the Peking area, with a Russian lady and three Chinese servants, have been kidnapped near the Ming Tombs.

The kidnappers released one servant with the demand for \$30,000 ransom.

The affair occurred 25 miles from Peking, within a stone's throw of the Japanese garrison post.—Reuter.

Puppets Won't Pay Foreign Loans

PEKING, Jan. 10.
The Provisional Government has issued a statement declining to assume responsibility for the repayment of loans to Britain and America, claiming that they were made to the Chiang Kai-shek Government.—Reuter.

Secondly, if they desire to strengthen our relations with France, the Italian should approach France directly, calling off their press campaign and agitation. It is always possible that they might then obtain, for example, the conversion of Dijibouti into a free port.

Political circles believe that "nothing for nothing" will be the maxim of the Rome talks.—Reuter.

Neutral Zone For Czech Hungarian Frontier

PRAGUE, Jan. 10.
THE SUGGESTION that a neutral zone be extended all along the frontier between Carpatho-Ukraine and Hungary is made in a note from Czechoslovakia to Hungary, in reply to the latter's protest about the Munkacevo Incident. The Czechoslovak note maintains that the incident originated in shots from the Hungarian side.

It suggests that the affair, together with the incident at Dovhe on Sunday, should be referred to a mixed Czech-Hungarian Commission, which would be empowered to make a final arbitration.—Reuter.

Chamberlain Departs For Visit To Rome

FIVE-POINT PROGRAMME

LONDON, Jan. 10.

THE DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT of the London "Daily Telegraph & Morning Post" states that Mr. Neville Chamberlain is proceeding to Rome with no special object except to restore peace in Europe.

The subjects he will probably discuss with Signor Mussolini will be:

1.—Spain, with special reference to the continuation of Italian and German intervention.

2.—Italy's claim against France. Mr. Chamberlain will probably point out that any Italian territorial aggrandisement will be contrary to the Anglo-Italian Agreement.

3.—Jewry.

4.—General aspects of peace in Europe.

5.—Economic questions.

ARRIVAL IN PARIS

PARIS, Jan. 10.
The railway station was decorated with flags and red carpet when M. Edward Daladier, M. Georges Bonnet, the British Ambassador, and the Embassy staff welcomed Mr. Neville Chamberlain and his party when they arrived at the Gare du Nord en route to Rome to-day.

A large crowd in front of the station cheered and waved as Mr. Chamberlain and M. Daladier, followed by Viscount Halifax and M. Bonnet drove to the Quai D'Orsay.

After a political talk at the Quai D'Orsay, lasting 70 minutes, Mr. Chamberlain and Viscount Halifax, accompanied by M. Daladier and M. Bonnet drove to the Gare de Lyon from where the British Ministers left for Rome at 7.30 p.m.

A communiqué issued regarding the talks stated: "The general identity of views previously reached between the two governments was fully confirmed."

It is believed that M. Daladier and M. Bonnet took the initiative in the conversations, stating their viewpoint with regard to the Italian claims, and the British Ministers were in entire agreement.

The whole situation was reviewed in the light of decisions already taken. The British Ministers gave an outline of what they would say in Rome, and the French were in complete accord.

It is gathered in political circles in Paris that the British Ministers have gone to Rome without the intention of making any particular declaration, but rather to listen to the Italian viewpoint, the details of which remain a very close secret, but if the Italian should ask the British Ministers' advice they will point out the various steps which they could usefully take.

Firstly, in order to ease the situation in the Mediterranean it is very desirable that the Italians should completely withdraw their troops from Spain.

Secondly, if they desire to strengthen our relations with France, the Italian should approach France directly, calling off their press campaign and agitation. It is always possible that they might then obtain, for example, the conversion of Dijibouti into a free port.

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ROME PREPARATIONS

ROME, Jan. 10.
On the eve of the arrival of Mr. Chamberlain and Viscount Halifax, final preparations are being made in the Italian capital for a festive reception of the English guests.

The vast hall of the Central Railway Station is covered with English and Italian flags, and decorated with flowers.

The surroundings of the station are adorned with a similarly gay view, with an abundant display of flags.

A stand has been erected just in front of the station to give the British colony an opportunity of

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Japanese Smashed, In Full Retreat

SHAN, Jan. 11.
THE JAPANESE DRIVE in West Shansi has been stemmed by a smashing Chinese counter-offensive, urgent military reports from the front reveal.

Four important towns, recently fallen into Japanese hands, namely Chihli, Tsinling, Puhien and Sianling, have been recovered by the Chinese in rapid succession.

Encountering only feeble resistance on the way, the Chinese who counter-attacked Chihli, where the Japanese had attempted to cross the Yellow River to invade Shansi, smashed into the city on Sunday night, and challenged the enemy to street fighting. In the meantime, all strategic heights in the vicinity were re-occupied by the Chinese.

For fear of being bottled up, the Japanese retreated under cover of darkness towards Sianling, in the southeast.

The Chinese reached Sianling yesterday and after a fierce battle drove the Japanese out of this city.

The invaders continued their retreat towards Hohhot, in the south.

Meanwhile, Tsinling, north-east of Chihli, and Puhien, south-east of Tsinling, were also abandoned by the Japanese owing to strong Chinese pressure.

The Japanese attempt to cross the Yellow River into Shansi has been abandoned.—Central News.

See Back Page For
Further Late News

Move For New Monarchy

£1,000,000 Restored To Ex-King: Franco Wants Son To Rule

EX-KING Alfonso of Spain is to gain nearly £1,000,000 by the decision of General Franco to restore the privately owned property which was confiscated by the Spanish Parliament seven years ago.

He is also to enjoy his rights as a Spanish citizen. But that does not mean that he is going to get his throne back.

At the same time, there is a strong desire among the various parties that constitute General Franco's following to restore the monarchy as quickly as possible.

The grandees, the church, the military caste and the bulk of the peasants all want a King again on the throne of Spain.

But the King will not be Alfonso.

The man they want is Alfonso's third son, Don Juan, who served for some years as a Midshipman in the British Navy.

Don Juan is warmly in favour of General Franco's policy, and has already offered to fight in the Franco Army.

Any proposal to place Don Juan on the throne of Spain would be supported by the British Government, it is understood, because he is friendly to Britain.

Another reason for Britain's sup-

Chinese Co-ed
Repressed

Tucson, Ariz.
A Chinese co-ed daughter of a former ambassador to the United States, was denied permission to enroll as a cadet in the Reserve Officers Training Corps of the University of Arizona. Hing Kee Chow, freshman student, said she wanted to be a soldier and fight Japan.

port in that a King on the throne of Spain would be accompanied by a policy of "Spain for the Spaniards," and would prevent Hitler and Mussolini from getting an economic and diplomatic stranglehold on the coun-

Loss Of Nerve
Explained

IT is a common experience that, as an apparent result of some emergency or accident, a certain number of people, in popular phraseology, "lose their nerve."

In medical phraseology this may include the development, or manifestation of a condition of neurasthenia, hysteria, neurosis, psychoneurosis or psychosis, terms on the exact meaning of which doctors themselves tend to differ, but which connote, in varying degrees, a mental as well as a physical factor.

There are many people who, after a bad fall while climbing a mountain or a ladder, or after a smash while driving a car, feel unable to climb or drive again, or are apprehensive if they have to do so. There are others who, after some injury to an arm or leg, and long after the physical injury has healed or been repaired—manifest lesser of movement or sensation in the affected part, or develop some curious gait or other disability for which there is no apparent reason.

INTERESTING SURVEY

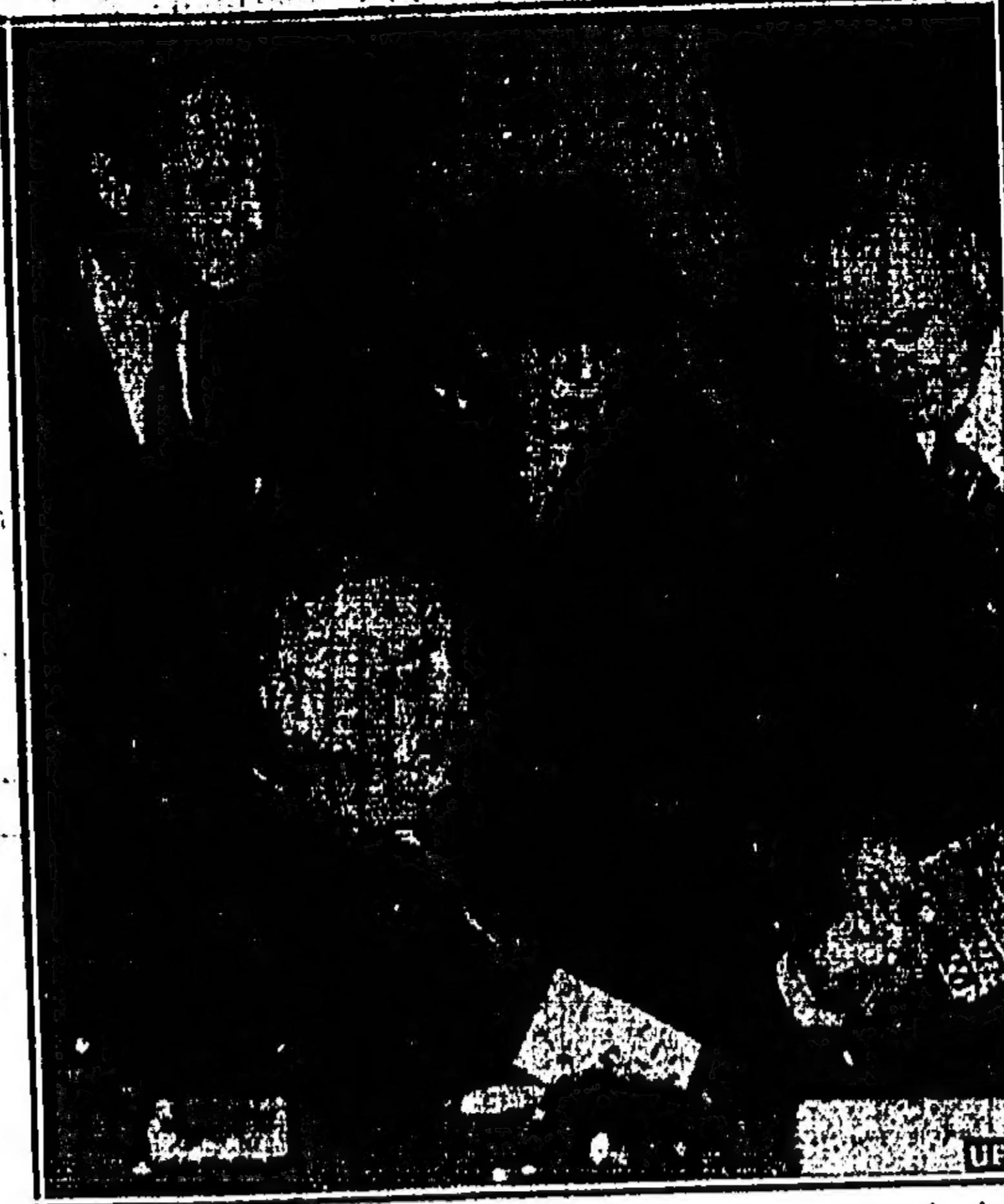
The war gave an enormous opportunity for the laying down of at least a few general principles on the problems of such people.

This is emphasised in an extremely interesting survey of the whole question by Dr. William Brend in his recently published book "Traumatic Mental Disorders in Courts of Law" (Helene, 7s. 6d).

As a neurologist to the Ministry of Pensions, a lecturer on Forensic Medicine, and a medical assessor, Dr. Brend has had an unusually wide experience. And briefly he is sceptical, from the purely medical standpoint, whether in the great majority of cases an accident or emergency can in itself produce the permanent condition that might be summed up in the term "loss of nerve."

Although, for instance, as he points out, there were large numbers of such cases amongst those serving in the War, a considerable proportion of them had seen no active service, and there was no observable relation between the severity of a wound and a subsequent loss of nerve.

An accident brings into light, rather than actually causes, some previously underlying defect of mental and physical co-ordination that evinces itself in some conscious fear or loss of bodily control.



President Roosevelt, stamp collector, receives a souvenir sheet of Christmas seals, in his White House office. Left to right: Dr. James G. Townsend, president of the local tuberculosis association; Mrs. Ernest R. Grant, managing director, and Dr. Thomas Parran, Surgeon General and a director of the National Tuberculosis Association.

The 22nd Arrives For Granfer George

ANOTHER grandchild, his 22nd, has arrived for Mr. George Lansbury, M.P. No one loves children more than Mr. Lansbury, but he looks at all his descendants sometimes and wonders a little fearfully and yet with hopes that . . .

However, let the Grand Old Man of the East End speak for himself on what it is like to be the doyen of what he confesses is becoming something of a Lansbury Tribe.

"Yes," he said, "I have my twenty-second grandchild. It is Eric's this time—my youngest son—and the baby is a great big bonny boy weighing 8½ lb. That makes how many grandsons? Bessie has one, Bill three, Dolly one, Violet two, Edgar two, and this is Eric's third. That makes 12 grandsons."

"How do I feel about it? Well, I love children and enjoy their arrival like anyone else who is human, but there is in these days a terrible uncertainty of fear about what is to happen to them. This is Eric's third boy and I continually ask myself what their future is going to be."

Mr. Lansbury paused. "And yet through it all," he went on, "I have a sort of hunch, as people would say, that things will not be as bad as we fear. There is in the world to-day a terrible desire for peace. We must not allow ourselves to be blinded by noise."

"And now I must go and see my new grandson as soon as I can."

Sacramento, Cal.
California attracted automobile visitors from 27 countries of the world during recent months, according to a check on licences issued. The foreign visitors came from the Latin American countries, China, Japan, Arabia, England, France, Switzerland and India, through the most vital period of the world's history.

Auto Tourists From Afar



Prince Paul, Regent of Yugoslavia, who took over the government after the assassination of his brother, King Alexander, in Marseilles four years ago, leaves the Russian church in London with Princess Olga. Word from New York police that assassins were en route on the Queen Mary to kill him caused Paul to quit London under heavy guard.

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 3:30 p.m. yesterday, says:

A fair number of Trams and China Lights were absorbed at quotations, but the rest of the market was neglected, such sales as have been reported being on the small side.

Buyers

Hongkong Bank \$1,470
Univ. Insurance \$170
Douglas \$64
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Humphreys \$92
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China Lights Rights \$30
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Countess Barbara Article Banned

Count Haugwitz-Reventlow, objecting to an article in the December issue of the American magazine *Cosmopolitan* - one of a series entitled "The Truth About Barbara Hutton" - has secured the withdrawal of the issue in Britain.

The magazine is distributed in Britain by the National Magazine Co. and W. H. Smith and Son, Ltd.

Miss A. M. Head, managing director of the National Magazine Co., said: "We got a writ a week ago from the court's solicitors and then, at a hearing in chambers at the High Court, we freely gave no undertaking to withdraw the issue."

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that had been said at to-day's secret session.

There are indications that his colleagues will try to dissuade him.

LINDBERGH REPORT

Committee members revealed that there was some discussion on a report said to have been made by Colonel Lindbergh on Germany's air strength.

It was stated that the ambassadors represented Germany as being glad that the report was made, but it is explained that Colonel Lindbergh's information largely confirmed that already obtained by military observers.

All the members left the meeting with long faces, and several did not disguise the serious situation which the ambassadors revealed.

BRITISH, FRENCH CRISIS

One member declared: "The British Empire and France are both facing a crisis of the first magnitude."

If the hearing was designed, as many here suppose, to facilitate President Roosevelt's re-armament programme, it seems at first sight, to have been singularly successful.

Reuter.

FRENCH CABINET MEETS

PARIS, Jan. 10. THE FRENCH CABINET met this morning to discuss foreign political questions, in addition to drafting an agenda for the parliamentary session beginning in the afternoon.

The Prime Minister reported on his journey to Corsica, Tunisia and Algeria, and the Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bonnet explained the general foreign political situation in connection with the imminent Anglo-Italian conference in Rome.

The Cabinet formulated a memorandum to be submitted to the British Ministers on Tuesday night at the Quai D'Orsay, outlining the reasons why France declines British mediation concerning the Italian claims in the Mediterranean and the Red Sea.

—Trans-Ocean.

CRUCIAL PHASE

London, Jan. 10. Mr. Neville Chamberlain's policy of appeasement with the dictators, in an effort to dissolve the dangers of a European war, entered a crucial phase to-day as he left for Rome on a visit to Signor Mussolini.

Mr. Chamberlain's visit is the fourth he has made to the dictators during the past three months.

If Mr. Chamberlain finds Mussolini obdurate upon the question of continued intervention in the Spanish civil war, and on giving effect to the friendship agreement with Britain, it is a foregone conclusion that his policy to the dictators will stiffen.

Since the Munich agreement, at which Czechoslovakia was disbanded, Mr. Chamberlain has gradually - already in the past month - lost patience because of the dictators' lack of response to his appeasement policy. In public speeches and private conversations he has pretty clearly shown that he thinks it is now the dictators' turn to make some contribution to lasting peace.

Observers believe that if this is not soon forthcoming from both Hitler and Mussolini, Mr. Chamberlain will be impelled to give up his policy which led to the resignation of Mr. Anthony Eden as Foreign Secretary, and to world-wide criticism of the Munich agreement.

Thus the Chamberlain-Mussolini talks may mark a turning point in European political tension. —United Press.

FRENCH VIEWPOINT

Paris, Jan. 10. The fact that M. Bonnet recently has awarded a note to the French Ambassador in London for the information of the British Government defining the viewpoint with regard to Italian claims, was disclosed following the Cabinet meeting to-day.

It was stated that after M. Bonnet had read the note, the Cabinet unanimously approved of the firm position taken up. —Reuter.

CHAMBERLAIN DEPARTS FOR VISIT TO ROME

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greeting the statement of their country.

After the arrival of the guests at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, the guests will drive to the Villa Madama, where they will stay during the visit. At 5:45 p.m. Mr. Chamberlain and Viscount Halifax will enter their names in the visitors' book at Quirinal Palace, after which they will have their first conversation with Signor Mussolini, who, at 9 o'clock gives a banquet and reception at the Palazzo Venezia.

The Extraordinary importance attached to the visit is indicated by the fact that 50 English newspaper correspondents have arrived, and similarly numerous newspapermen are expected from other countries. —Trans-Ocean.

A NEW DISNEY SHORT

EMPIRE NEWS

CALCUTTA.

Efforts of agitators to paralyse the jute industry by a general strike have failed. All the mills are working as usual to-day except the seven which have been idle for the past fortnight.

About 30,000 men are involved. They are striking against the jute ordinance restricting production and reducing hours of work. A number of workers were dismissed in consequence.

Bengal Cotton Trade.

The growing of more cotton in Bengal was advocated by Dr. Mughni Saha, the Indian scientist, when laying the foundation stone of the first artificial silk mill in Bengal. He challenged the contention of the Government that Bengal was not suited for cotton cultivation.

Geographer's Visit. —Dr. Arthur Geddes, lecturer in geography in the University of Edinburgh, accompanied by his wife, has been on a visit to Shantiniketan, the ashram of the poet, Sri Rabindranath Tagore.

Dr. Geddes has come to India for the purpose of geographical research, continuing studies begun in 1921.

Ottawa Agreement. —The Ottawa Agreement will not be continued beyond the end of the next budget session of the Indian Legislature.

This was announced by Sir Muhammad Zafrullah Khan, Commerce Member, in reply to a question in the Assembly to-day. The necessary formalities will be taken to terminate the temporary arrangement at present in force.

Southern Rhodesia.

ATTEMPT TO WRECK TRAIN

BULAWAYO.

A passenger train from Bulawayo to Victoria Falls had a narrow escape when an attempt was made to blow up a bridge on the main line at Sawmills.

The train was only five miles away when a station foreman, John Patrick O'Hara, noticed some natives loitering near the bridge. As he walked towards them he saw something spluttering and emitting sparks between the rails on the bridge.

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South Africa.

£1,000 DAMAGES FOR "UNLAWFUL KILLING"

CAPE TOWN.

A case unique in the legal history of the British Empire concluded in the Supreme Court recently, when James William Hodgson, who had been found "not guilty" of murder by a jury in the Criminal Court, was found responsible for the "unlawful killing" of a shopkeeper named Herman. He was ordered to pay £1,000 damages.

After Hodgson had been acquitted of the murder of Herman the dead man's widow brought a civil action against him, claiming £3,000 damages on behalf of herself and her child.

Herman was shot dead in his shop on March 2, 1937.

Canada.

BRITAIN ORDERS MORE 'PLANES

MONTREAL.

The British Air Ministry has awarded the Canadian Car and Foundry Co. a contract for the construction of first line warplanes.

Mr. Victor M. Drury, President of the company, stated on his return from Britain to-day that the contract is independent of anything the company may receive through Canadian Associated Aircraft Ltd., the organisation formed for the manufacture of bombers for Britain.

The order will enable the company's Fort William, Ontario, factory eventually to employ about 500 men for two years.

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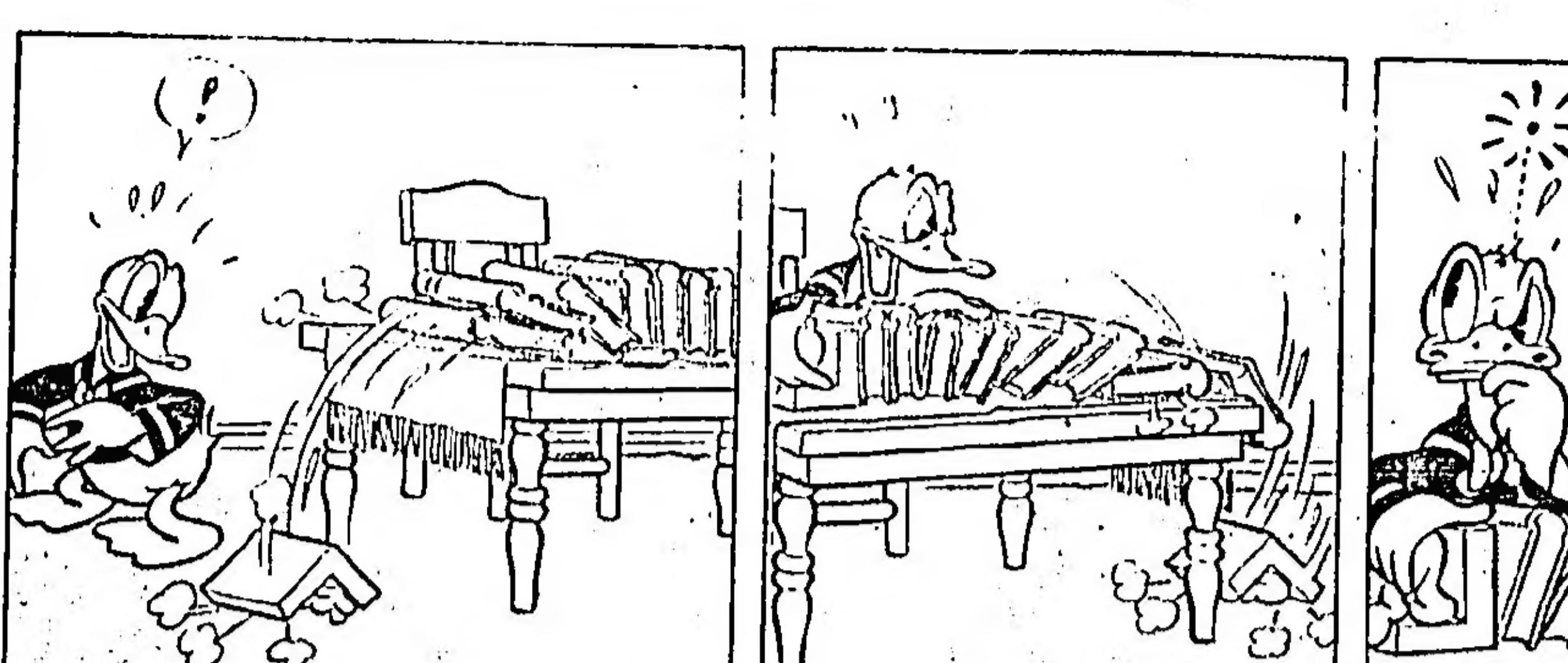
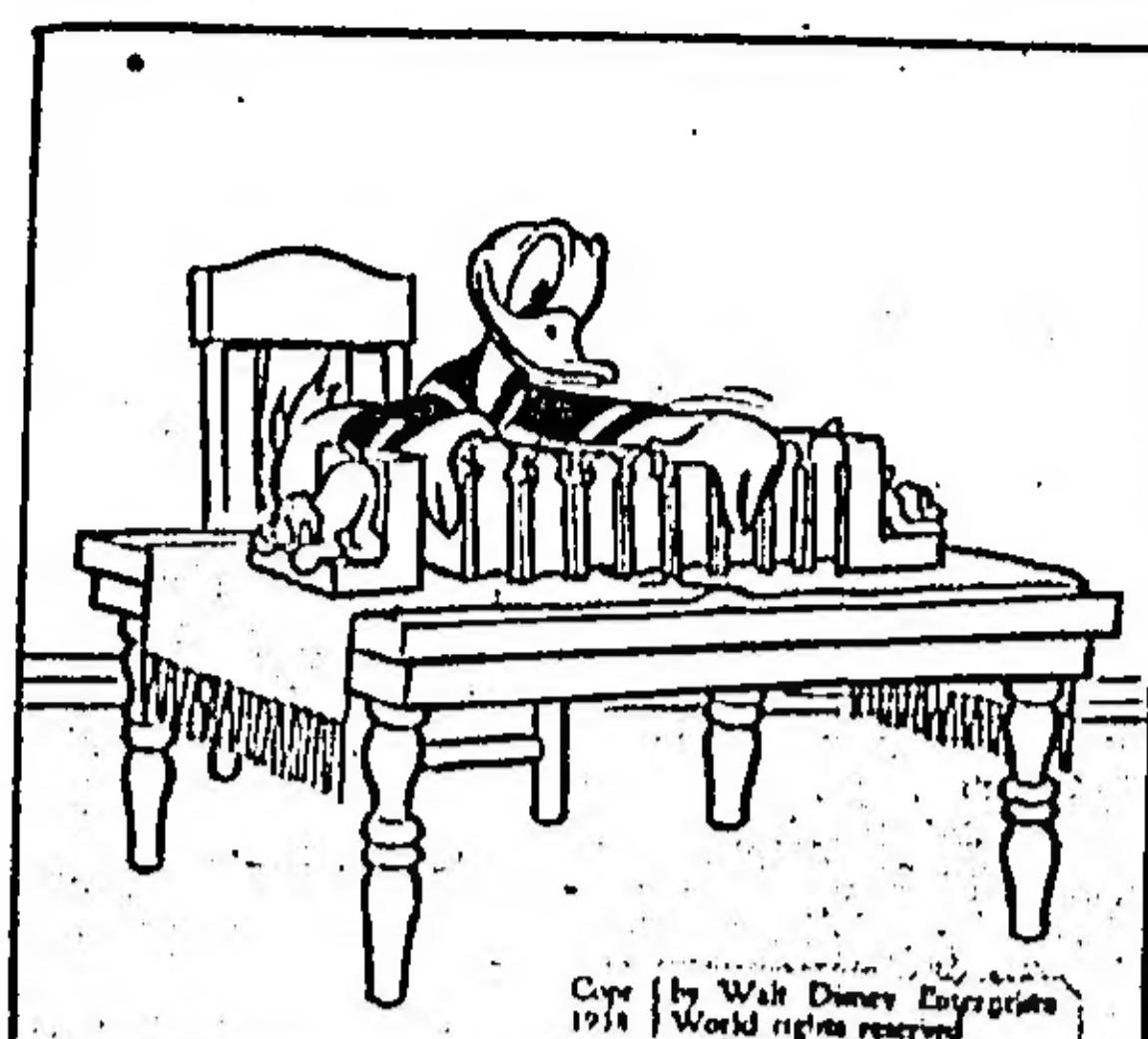
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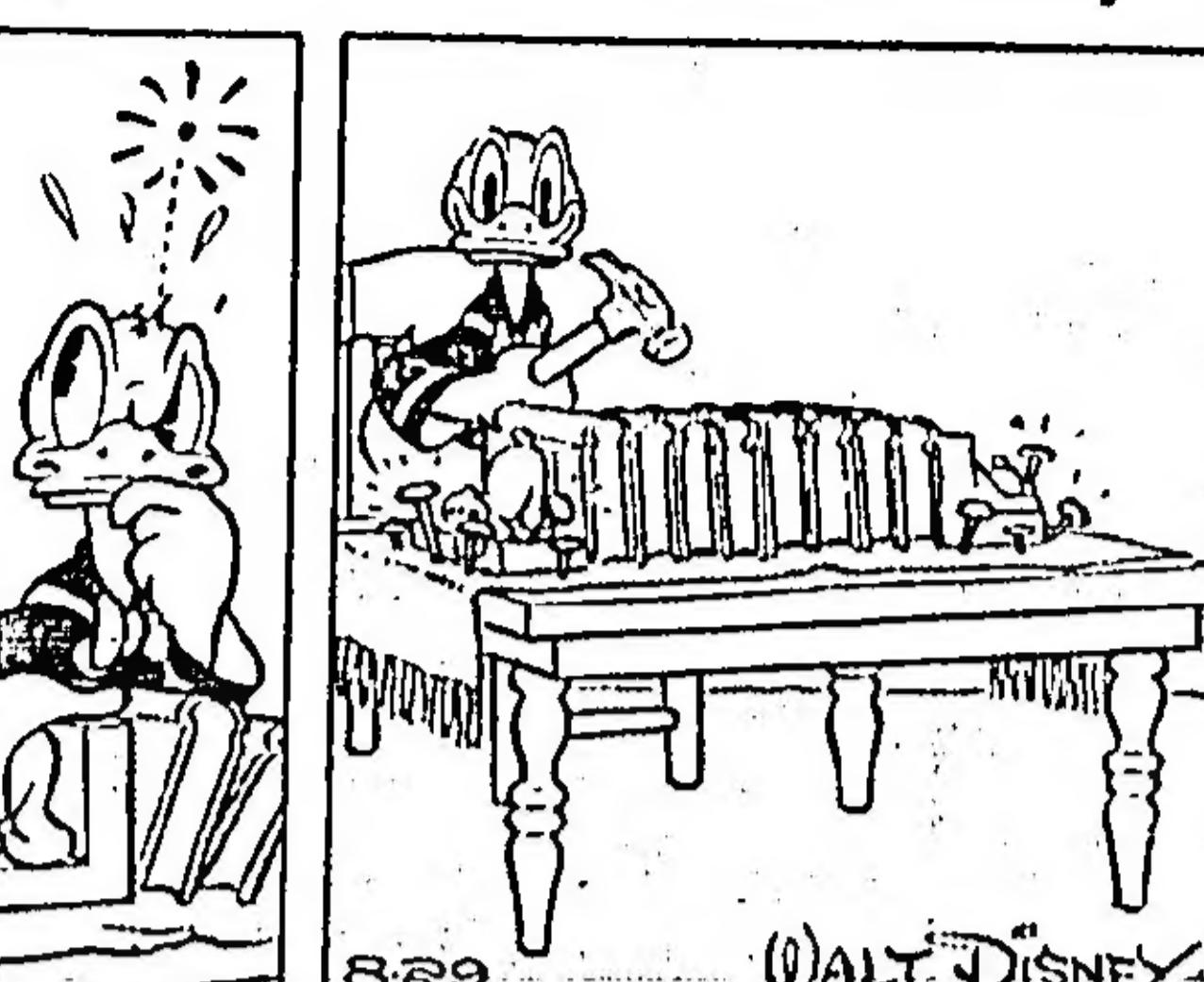
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Conference

Seventeen of the 22 members of the delegation which Japan sent to the recent World Christian Conference in Madras, passed through Hongkong yesterday by the N.Y.K. steamer Yasukuni Maru. They are headed by the leader of the delegation, Dr. Y. Chiba, Chairman of the Baptist Convention in Japan.

Of the five members of the Japanese delegation who remained behind, two will join parties going to America and England to carry a message from the younger Eastern Church to the older Western Church. Another, Dr. Kugawa, will give a month's series of addresses.

The Rt. Rev. John C. Mann, Bishop of Kyushu, is a member of the Japanese delegation. He said yesterday that the conference had been eminently satisfactory. The gathering of 470 delegates representing 60 nations was a remarkable one. They were splendidly housed in the newly-erected Madras Christian College, which contained three halls each so large that it permitted 150 people to be accommodated in separate rooms. Bishop Mann said that the conference had supported the movement for the organisation of a World Church Council. The International Missionary Council, under whose auspices the conference was held, would work in close harmony with the new council while preserving its own identity.

Dr. William Paton, one of the officers of the International Missionary Council, was to be lent to the new council as part-time secretary. The first meeting of the World Church Council would probably be held this year.

Need for Evangelism

Generally, in considering church affairs the conference, said Bishop Mann, laid emphasis upon the need for evangelism, which must be regarded as an individual duty.

Dr. Kugawa and Bishop Azariah of India were foremost in stressing this need, and it was on the duty of evangelism that most emphasis would probably be laid as a result of the conference.

Dr. J. R. Mott, who was growing old in his office, had been elected Chairman of the Missionary Council for another term. The Vice-Presidents included the Bishop of Winchester and Dr. Wu, a lady prominent in evangelism in China.

Bishop Mann said that Christmas Day had been an interesting day for the delegates. In a Christmas morning service seven delegates in succession had proclaimed what the Gospel had done for their countries. This was followed by a lecture by Dr. Stanley Jones, well known in Chinese church work.

In the evening, 10 groups of different nationalities sang songs in their own tongues, easily the best contribution being made by five Africans.

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all singing with voices of a peculiarly rich timbre lacking in the voices of the other races. It was an enjoyable experience.

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tions.

6.48 Two Songs by Lina Pagliuhi
(Soprano).

"Rigoletto"—Gilda's Aria; "Caro
nme" (Verdi); "Mignon"—"To son
Tintinn" (Thomas); ... with the
Milan Symphony Orch. cond. by Ugo
Tunini. (Sung in Italian).

6.58 Richard Tauber (Tenor) in a
Lieder Programme.

Gipsy Love—Waltz Melodies ...

Orchestra Mascotte; Beautiful Italy
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thing (Operetta "Paganini") ...

Richard Tauber (Tenor) with Orch.
cond. by G. Walter; "My Lips Are
Made For Kissing" ("Gliuditta"); Stay
With Me For Ever ... Marek Weber
and His Orchestra; The Land Of
Smiles — Selection ... London
Theatre Orchestra cond. by Ernest
Irving; Scenette from "Frasquita".

7.30 London Relay—Calling The
Tune ... with George Bolton paying
the pipes, but De Haven and Page
calling the tunes; The pipers are
Frank Lane, The Cavendish Three and
Harry Gordol. Presented by F.H.C.
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8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather
Report and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—Piano Recital by
Doreen Ma.

1. Stop beatin' around the Mulberry
Bush; 2. You're as pretty as a picture;
3. The Donkey Serenade; 4. Music
Maestro Please; 5. Remember Me; 6.
Sweet and Lovely.

8.20 Reginald Foort at the Organ.
The A.B.C. March (Foort and Fer-
ring) ... with Brass Quartet and
Drums; "Pazza" (Mihaly); The Wind
Has Told Me A Story—Tango In-
Hu-banera (Brunne).

8.30 London Relay—Empire Ex-
change. Points of view by travellers from
the Dominions and Colonies.

8.45 London Relay—Inside In-
formation "Happy Feet".

A programme devised by F. W.
Hillyard and recorded under the
direction of Leo Hunter.

9.00 Gounod's "Faust" Act IV.

Sung by Miriam Lattice, Doris
Vane, Muriel Brunsell, Robert
Easton, Harold Williams, Heddle
Nash and the B.B.C. Choir with Or-
chestra and Organ conducted by Sir
Thomas Beecham.

9.30 London Relay—The News.

9.50 Request Programme.

10.00 Trio No. 1 in B Flat (Schubert)...
Corot, Tibaud And Casals (Instrumental
Trios); "Die Zauberflöte"—
Overture (Mozart); ... Berlin Phil-
harmonic Orchestra cond. by Sir
Thomas Beecham; Fantasia In D
Minor, K. 307 (Mozart); ... Wanda
Landowska (Piano); Jesu, Joy Of
Man's Desiring (Bach, arr. Sir Hugh
Allen); ... Choir Of The Temple
Church, London cond. by G. Thalben-
Ball with Oboe obbligato by Leon
Goossens and Piano; Ave Maria
(Bach); ... Herbert E. Grob (Tenor)
with Chorus and Orchestra (Sung in
Latin); Aria (From Suite In D-
Bach); ... Pablo Casals (Cello) with
Piano accomp. by Otto Schulhoff;
Hark! Hark! The Lark (Shakespeare-
Schubert); ... Elisabeth Schumann
(Soprano) with Piano accomp. by
Gerald Moore; Tone-Poem "Fin-
landia," Op. 28, No. 7 (Sibelius); ...
Leopold Stokowski and the Philadel-
phia Orchestra.

11.0 Close down.

PICKPOCKET CAUGHT

Detective Watches Three
Men at Work

The operations from choosing the
victim by a gang of pickpockets at
Queen's Road Central, to extracting a
purse, were told to Mr. R. Edwards
at the Central Magistracy yesterday
by Chow Kwon, Chinese detective,
in a case against Lam Choi, 28, unlicensed hawker, charged
with theft of a purse containing \$10 from Lal Lok-man, a tailor.

"I saw three men, including the
defendant standing at the mouth of
Bailey Street, looking into the
pockets of pedestrians," said Chow.

"Defendant waved to the other
two men as soon as he saw com-
plainant."

On entering Wing Kat Street, one
of the three men walked past com-
plainant and stopped in front of him
to pull up his Chinese shoes. De-
fendant then went to the right hand
side of complainant and under cover
of his feet but extracted the purse.

Lam was then arrested. He
pleaded not guilty, but was convicted
and sentenced to four months' hard
labour. A previous conviction for
larceny was revealed.

p.m. on Monday, someone stole from
him two \$100 notes.

PECULIAR AFFAIR

Man's Hospitality
Abused

Two Chinese wandering about
Repulse Bay on Monday entered a hut
there and asked the occupant, Chan
Tong, for a smoke of opium. Chan
gave the men a smoke, and one of them
left the hut, but returned with a stick and threatened Chan with it,
asking for money.

Later that man with the stick gave
the first man a dagger, and with it he
also threatened Chan. Chan's wife
was then bound and gagged by the
two, and thrown into a nearby nullah.

The men attempted to escape, talk-
ing with them an opium pipe, but
were arrested by Chan and a nephew.

As a sequel, Wong Wah, 40, and
Wong Fu, 42, both unemployed, were
charged before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest
at the Central Magistracy yesterday
with robbery, and were remanded for
48 hours.

10.00 on Monday, someone stole from
him two \$100 notes.

EARRING SNATCHER

Admitting larceny of a pair of
gold earrings from a woman in Port-
land Street, on Monday, Leung
Ming, 21, was sentenced to three
months' hard labour and eight
strokes of the cane, by Mr. Q. A.
A. Maefadyen at the Kowloon
Magistracy yesterday.

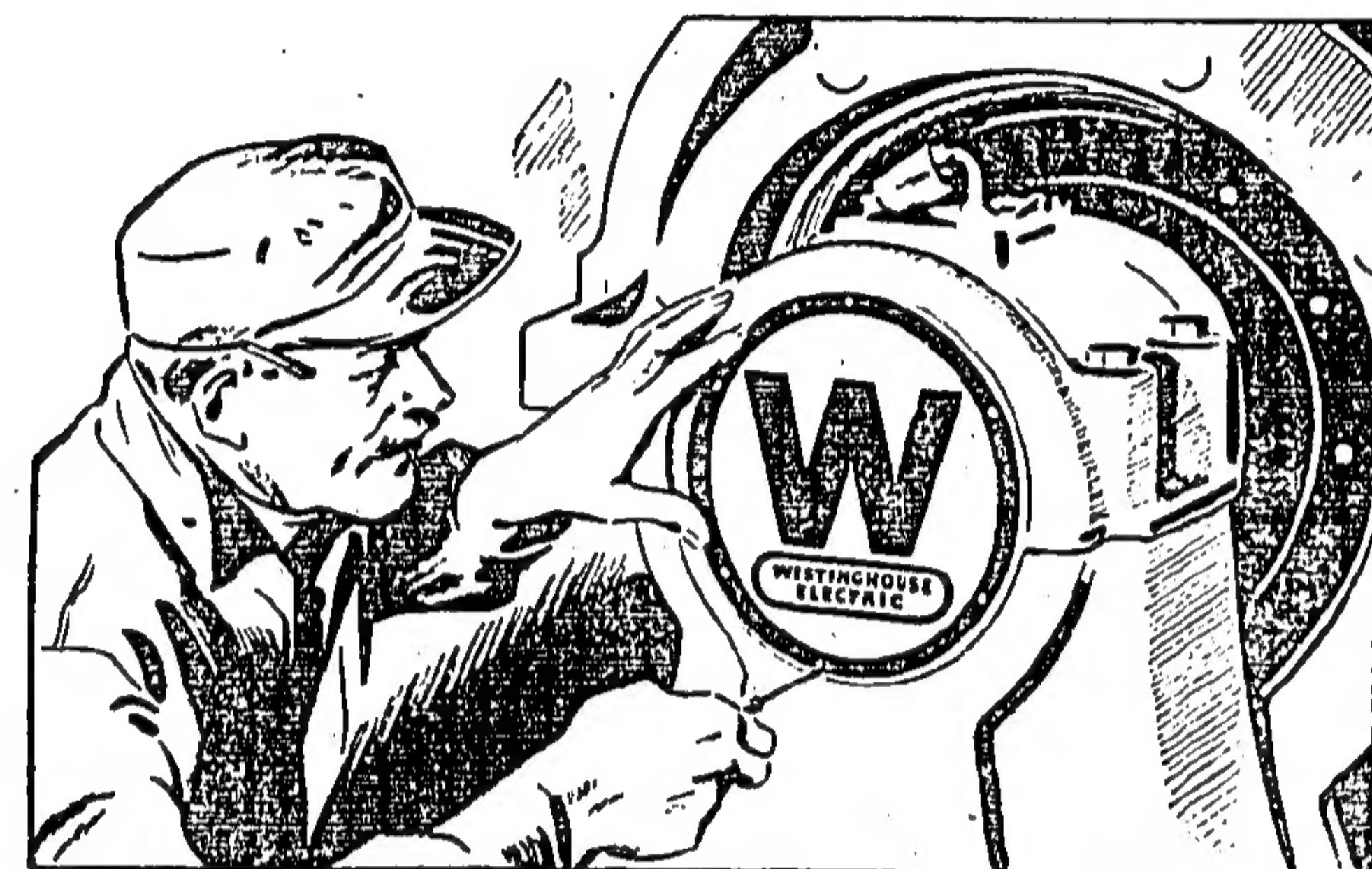
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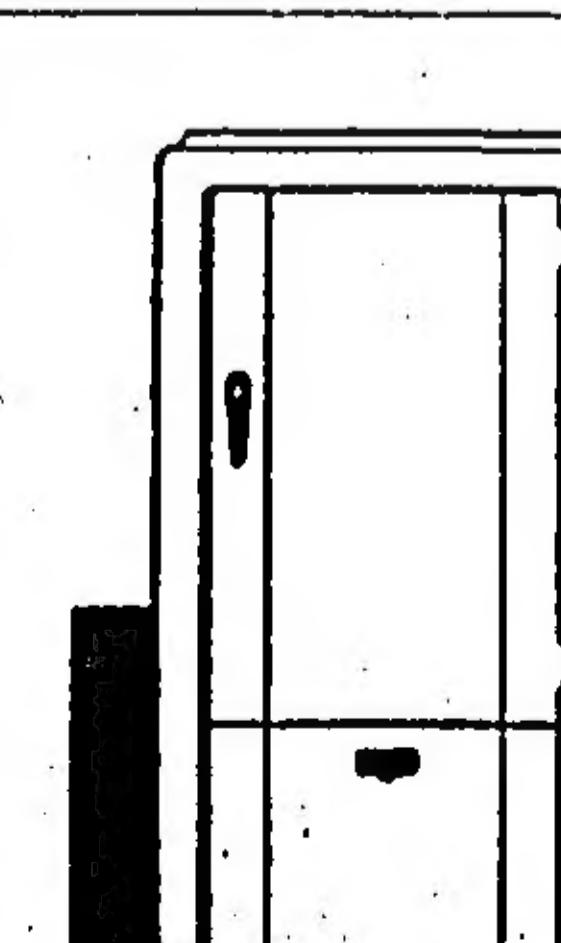
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When Is a War?

GREAT BRITAIN, thus far, has steered clear of the ticklish international problem created by the hostilities between China and Japan. Neither China nor Japan will admit that a war is in progress and there has been no formal declaration. Diplomatically, this pretence has not only suited Japan and China but also, apparently, the Western Powers.

In the detention in Hongkong of a number of Chinese soldiers, interned in Kowloon City until, presumably, the termination of hostilities, the Hongkong Government appears to have set a precedent which can quite conceivably have unforeseen results.

If China and Japan are not at "war" in the official sense of the word, by what authority are the prisoners detained? And what would be the Government's position if any Chinese or other person took out a writ of *Habeas Corpus*, demanding the release of one or more of the internees?

Blockade

THE DANGER in the visit to Rome this week of the Premier, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, is that he may be induced by Signor Mussolini to grant belligerent rights to Franco in Spain—the right to stop, in the High Seas off England or anywhere else, any ship which may be carrying supplies to the Loyalists.

The granting of belligerent rights to Franco would not necessarily end the war through starving the Loyalists of arms and war materials. But it would probably end the war by starving the women and children in Loyalist Spain. There are 3,715,000 children and over 3,000,000 refugees from other parts of Spain in Loyalist territory. There is a problem of cruel distress on a mass scale. For the Loyalists there is neither peace nor plenty, but war and scarcity. Any concession to Franco will place into Insurgent hands the deadly weapon of starvation.

Intervention

FOR TWO and a half years the Spanish people have been defending their elected Government against a military rebellion begun and supported by Totalitarian States.

While Britain and other democratic countries have forbidden the sending of arms to the Loyalists in the name of "Non-Intervention," Italy and Germany have openly sent armaments, aeroplanes and "advisers" to General Franco, and have publicly boasted of breaking "Non-Intervention."

Without their backing, Franco's rebellion would never have started or, at the utmost, would have been stillborn.

The Earth is Getting late... Days are longer... Sun-spots are upsetting Radio...

It may be The Driest Period for Years

OBSEVATIONS made at Greenwich have shown that the Moon is departing from its calculated course. At the present time it is farther from its position, according to the theory of gravitation, than it has been at any time since 1680.

The blame for this apparently erratic behaviour is to be put on our own Earth.

The Earth provides us with our standard of time: the day. If the length of the day changes because the Earth does not turn round on its axis at a constant rate, the Moon will be in a slightly different place in the heavens from that in which we expect to find it.

Other bodies, such as the Sun, Mercury or Venus are also found to be in positions that are slightly different from their calculated ones, but as the motions of these bodies in the sky are slower than that of the Moon their errors are not so great.

Friction of Tides

THE astronomer can use either the Earth, the Moon, the Sun, Mercury or Venus, as a clock; and the last four of these agree in showing that the Earth is a bad timekeeper.

It is easy to see why the day should gradually get longer. The friction of tidal waters on the beds of the oceans acts as a brake on the rotation of the Earth and gradually slows it down.

This process will go on for millions of years, until at length the Earth will always turn the same face to the Moon, just as the Moon already always turns the same face to the Earth. The day will then be equal to 47 of our present days.

But this gradual lengthening of the day is not uniform: sometimes it is accelerated, sometimes retarded. The cause of these variations is perhaps due to a slight expansion or contraction of the Earth as a whole.

An oscillation of the surface by one or two feet above and below its mean value would be sufficient to account for them.

One Second a Year

THE most rapid change in the length of the day occurred between 1863 and 1875, and amounted to one three-hundredth part of a second a day, giving an accumulated error in the course of a year of more than one second.

The best astronomical clocks yet made are almost good enough to check this error. A new form of clock, however, in which the time is registered by the vibrations of a crystal of quartz, is being made for the Greenwich Observatory, and this should be reliable to the one-thousandth part of a second per day. It may prove to be a better time-keeper than the Earth.

The length of the day can change with considerable suddenness. The quickest changes have occurred about 1790, 1896, and 1917. These were only found by astronomical observations. Perhaps the next sudden change will be revealed by our clocks.

At the present time sun-spots and other disturbances on the sun are rapidly becoming more frequent. It has been suggested that the abnormal weather of

the past 18 months may be a result of this.

Last year was the driest year in Hongkong for 40 years.

Though it

seems that sun-spots do have some effects on the weather—as indicated, for instance, by the variations in the widths of the annual rings of trees [shown in cross sections

of the trunks] appearing to coincide with the number of sun-spots—those effects are largely concealed by the many other complicated factors that continue to make the weather.

It is not fair to blame sun-spots for our dry weather. But

those organisations concerned with wireless communication can justly blame the sun for some of the troubles that they are experiencing.

They may be receiving short wave wireless messages quite normally when, within a few seconds, the messages will fade away entirely.

It has been established recently that these fading synchronise exactly with intensely hot eruptions on the sun. Such eruptions usually occur in the neighbourhood of sun-spots and are frequent when the spots are numerous and rare when they are few.

More Sun-Spots

AS sun-spots will become still

more numerous for the next two years, it looks as though there is going to be considerable interruption in the reception of beam wireless messages.

Can we also blame sun-spots

for the changes in the course of the Gulf Stream and other ocean currents?

These changes are of great

importance to the fishing in-

dustry. Herring, haddock,

plaice, and sole intensely dislike

the warm Gulf Stream water,



This drawing shows how the Moon exerts its pull on the tides, which, in turn, by their friction on the ocean beds act as a brake slowing down the Earth's rotation.

Guide to Fishermen

WHEN the Gulf Stream is strong, catches of these fish are poor. The most valuable food-fish prefer the cold stream coming from the North, which is rich in the phosphates that provide nourishment for the animals on which the fish feed.

Not enough is yet known about these changes in the Gulf Stream to say whether or not they are due to sun-spots; they are being studied by the development commission on fishery matters.

It would indeed be fortunate if it could be established that sun-spots do influence these changes, because we can predict with fair accuracy how numerous sun-spots are going to be. It would then become possible also to predict the course of the Gulf Stream and to advise fisher-

men where they should fish to obtain good catches.

1819 Over Again?

MANY people are anxious to know whether sun-spots will afford any guide to the weather to be expected this year. There is no astronomer or meteorologist who could predict with any confidence what this year's weather will be.

Hongkong's meteorological records do not go further back than the Seventies. But in England, a hundred years ago, the rainfall in the first five months of the year was double the normal, and one of the driest summers on record followed, with a total rainfall from the middle of May to the end of August of less than 1½ in.

Whether this year in Hongkong will follow a similar course it is impossible to say. No precedent has been established.

Why I Prefer The Man of 40

By A Girl of 20

creature, who has uncouth manners and drives a small, uncomfortable car much too fast because he thinks he is clever.

He appears often to be horribly misled by the idea of his own importance, he criticises things of which he has had no experience, and sneers at old age as something Victorian which ought to be put out of life decently.

ALL the young men I know have three types of conversation—Themselves, their Clubs, and their Cars—and one qualification—they can dance.

The youth of to-day thinks it is amusing to be cynical, especially towards women, in whose presence he likes to show off atrociously. He does not realize his own rawness, his lack of subtlety, or the emptiness of his words.

You can see him everywhere, at the hotels, at the Club and at parties, hands in pockets, cigarette in mouth, smiling the smile of complete complicity, because he really believes he is the salt of the earth.

The man of 40 is a very different person. He has learned to look on nature not in the hour of thoughtless youth but with the chastened understanding of experience.

The lesson of his own follies has made him tolerant of other people's weaknesses. He treats women with deference and respect, because he can remember the days when we were really placed on a pedestal. He is courteous and considerate, he knows how to pay compliments.

He is a charming companion because he has long since outgrown thinking about himself. He is witty without being vulgar. He can choose a good dinner unostentatiously, and does not bully his inferiors.

He takes an interest in life itself, not merely its pleasures. He is sympathetic, because few men reach the age of 40 without some suffering.

Like new wine, youth is harsh and mellow. He may have grey hair, be unable to drive a car more than 35 miles an hour, and detect parties, but I feel stimulated and safe with him.

H. L.

GRIN AND BEAR IT



PRINCE ON PLANE

Leaves By Delia For London

Prince Hussein of the Yemen, accompanied by his A.D.C., Alkadi Ali Almar, left Hongkong by the Imperial Airways plane at 7.30 a.m. yesterday for London.

The third son of the King of Yemen, Arabia, missed his ship in Shanghai, and was flown down to Canton non-stop by a Japanese naval plane. He was brought to Hongkong on Monday by a Japanese machine-sweeper.

The Prince, dressed in full Arab attire, made a striking figure at the airport. He passed through here in May last year on his way to Japan to open a mosque in Tokyo. Representatives of 44 Moslem countries attended the ceremony.

The Delphine, which took off half an hour earlier, carried four passengers. They were Mr. H. J. Weston, returning to Sydney after visiting his parents here, Mr. Kransen and Mr. W. Creswell for Bangkok, and Mr. Langdon for Fort Bayard.

Among the freight on the plane was a case of a dozen hen's eggs for Bangkok.

Air Mail Delayed

The air mail scheduled to arrive this afternoon has been delayed by a hold-up on the European line, and is expected to arrive to-morrow at 5 p.m.

GLIDER ATTEMPT

An attempt to fly non-stop from Perth to Adelaide, 1,450 miles, in a glider, will be made shortly by Philip Wills, the British Empire's leading sailplane pilot. He believes the Nullabor Plains, the wide arid stretch between the two cities, will reflect strong upward currents, enabling him to keep altitude.

AUSTRALIAN RECORD

New records in air transport between Australia and Tasmania were made recently, when Douglas air liners made 10 crossings of Bass Strait in one day, carrying 250 passengers. One plane, the Warana, made the first night crossing, and covered 1,038 miles in the 24 hours.

FLIGHT TO HAWAII

San Diego, Jan. 10. Nineteen amphibian planes hopped off to-day for Guantanamo on the first stage of their flight to Hawaii. The first left at 6.11 a.m., and the last 20 minutes later.—United Press.

AIR SERVICES

Arrivals and Departures Of Planes

For London, Australia, British Countries and Europe: Imperial Airways 7 a.m. Jan. 13; Imperial Airways 7 a.m. Jan. 17.

For Chungking, Sian, etc.; Eurasia and C.N.A.C. service indefinite.

For U.S.A., via Manila, Honolulu, Guam; China Clipper 8.30 a.m. Jan. 19.

For France, via Hanoi; Air France, 6.30 a.m. Jan. 14.

From London, Australia and British Countries: Imperial Airways 5 p.m. Jan. 12; Imperial Airways 5 p.m. Jan. 14.

From Chungking, Yunnanfu, Kweli- lin; C.N.A.C. Eurasia Services indefinite.

From U.S.A., via Honolulu, Guam, Manila; Pan American China Clipper 12.30 p.m. Jan. 18.

From France, via Hanoi; Air France 12.30 p.m. Jan. 12.

NEW PLAN IN INDIA

Gandhi Submits Draft Of Constitution

Calcutta, Jan. 10. Political circles in close touch with the Congress Party are inclined to attach very great importance to the draft of a new Indian Federal Constitution just finished by Gandhi.

It is reckoned that the Constitution drafted by the British Commission so far could not be enforced because the question of the religious minorities proved soluble, and especially the biggest minority of Indian Mohammedans used to be subjected to the Hindus.

Gandhi's nevirlast is said to show the way out of these difficulties. It is expected that the contents of the new Constitution draft will be published to-morrow when the Executive Committee of the Congress Party meets to Bards.

Unless Gandhi's hit takes due regard to the quest of the native States it is more than doubtful whether the rulers of these States will allow enforcing the new Constitution plan.—Transpac.

PIRATICAL ATTACK

British Warship Answers Tug's Appeal

Shanghai, Jan. 10. Responding to a distress message, H.M.S. Tern, lying at anchor, steamed up and raced help. Jardine's tug Hanwo wh. was attacked by four pirate-mannuants early yesterday afternoon while towing three lighters with cargo from the lower Yangtze to Shanghai.

Despite machine gun fire, the Chinese master of the tug kibed him while the wireless called for help. Sighting the British gun, the junks gave up the chase, eluding capture in the falling darkness.—Reuter.

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EVACUATION PLAN

Britain Divided Into Three Zones

London, Jan. 10. The Ministry of Health to-day issued a list showing the division of England and Wales for purposes of evacuation. The country is divided into three groups, firstly a limited number of large crowded areas from which evacuation takes place, secondly a number of neutral areas which, though not to be evacuated, are not to be used for reception purposes, and thirdly districts not included in the above which will be used for reception.

The evacuation areas include all metropolitan boroughs of most of the leading industrial, shipping or naval centres as well as populous towns and boroughs in Essex and Middlesex. The neutral areas include most of London's northern, southern and western suburbs, Derby, Plymouth, Sunderland, Durham, Southend, Harwich, Margate, Ramsgate, Grimsby, Norwich, Yarmouth and Swansea.

The counties which are neither evacuation nor neutral areas include Bedford, Berks, Bucks, Cambridgeshire, Dorset, Oxfordshire, East and West Suffolk, the Isle of Wight, and the greater part of Wales.—Reuter Special.

Minister Defend Steps

London, Jan. 10. Sir John Anderson, Minister for Civil Defence, to-day defended the Government's measures and stated that provisions for fire-fighting units to be completed in 1941 had been speeded up and will be completed at the end of the year.

He stated that recruits for civil defence were almost up to requirements and there was only a small gap. He was going on with recruiting in order to have a reserve force. Deep bomb-proof shelters had not been ruled out and the question would be considered.

"We are taking the necessary precautions in view of the risk of war in the near future, but that does not mean we expect war," he declared.

—Reuter Bulletin.

SUCCESSFUL CLAIM

Full Reimbursement by Dry Cleaning Firm

Judgment for plaintiff for the full amount, with costs, was delivered by the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell, at the Supreme Court yesterday, in a claim brought by Jerome Low, of the Commercial Bureau, York Building, against the New Method Steam Laundry of 149 Prince Edward Road, for \$69 in respect of loss of five suits of clothing sent to defendant firm to be cleaned and pressed, between August and September last year.

His Lordship said that the fact that defendant had printed his conditions on the back of his receipts would entitle an ordinary, reasonable man to think those were the only conditions, and a person would therefore not expect to find other conditions printed on the other side of the receipt, as in the present case.

His Lordship also advised the defendant to have new receipts issued with the conditions all printed on the back, and with a direction on the face of the receipt to that effect.

The plaintiff's case was that though he was Chinese, he could read little of his own language, having lived for the greater part of his life abroad, and he had accordingly not noticed the most important condition on the receipt, which was printed only in Chinese, on the face and not the back.

Mr. C. D'Almada appeared on behalf of the plaintiff, while Lee Kin-hung, managing partner of the defendant firm, appeared in person.

It will be recalled that at a previous hearing, defendant only admitted liability for the loss of one suit. He also claimed that one of the conditions of his business was that the loss of any suit would only be made good by the payment of ten times the cleaning price, which varied from six cents to 36 cents per article. This condition was printed in Chinese only, on the front of the receipt, and was the one plaintiff claimed he had not noticed. It was the plaintiff's case that, even if he had noticed it, he would not have been able to read it.

Mr. Jocelshon described a hair-raising experience he had that night when a local chief had him arrested, and accused him of being a spy on the basis of a statement made by his companion. It later transpired that this statement had been extracted from the ex-officer under threat, but, said the speaker, it was touch and go, at one time, whether he would be shot or set free.

Eventually they were freed, and decided to waste no time in getting to Macao. Though the vessels were full, and motor car hire prices were up to \$60 National currency, they succeeded in hiring bicycles and getting to Macao four hours later without further incident.

The party left Chungking on December 12 and arrived in Rangoon on December 29, thus covering 2,100 miles in 13 days without a serious delay and without a puncture. Their car was the first private vehicle to traverse the road.

Interviewed in Rangoon, Mr. Johnson pointed out that the entire road was surveyed and built by native labour without a single piece of road-building equipment.—Reuter.

Spelling Bee

How many of these words are correct and what is wrong with the others? tintinabulation topnot tinkle fluorescent dissection disavow English Oxford Dictionary spellings of these words will be found on page 9.

TRIP FROM CANTON

Journalist's Journey Of Adventures

An adventurous trip from Canton made immediately after the fall of that city, was described to the Hongkong Rotary Club yesterday by Mr. K. Jocelshon.

The Hon. Dr. Li Shu-fan presided, and welcomed the following guests: Rotarians J. C. Hutchinson, Peiping; T. C. Yu, Tientsin; J. M. Hansen, Nanking; G. King, Taliens; Messrs. F. H. Losby, F. V. Jensen, C. C. Lim, Dr. D. J. Valentine, R. G. Brown, J. C. Eager, T. J. Chen, H. G. Williams, R. S. Kerr and C. Y. Wu.

New Year greetings were acknowledged from Rotary Clubs at Hornsey, Oldham and Norwich, England, and Omaha, Nebraska.

JEWS IN TRINIDAD

Growing Influx Causes Much Anxiety

London, Jan. 10. The growing influx of Jewish emigrants to Trinidad is causing anxiety to the local authorities as 500 Jews have entered Trinidad during the past six months and more are expected.

A meeting of the Executive Council has been called to discuss the question.—Reuter Bulletin.

CANADIAN PLAN

Mr. F. M. Solchen, Jewish editor of the *Daily Israeleit Press* is to call a meeting of Winnipeg Jews to discuss with his proposal for the establishment of a co-operative Jewish farm and colony in western Canada.—United Press.

MISSION TO PRAGUE

Prague, Jan. 10. Sir Herbert Emerson, high commissioner for fugitive questions appointed by the League of Nations, arrived here yesterday in order to discuss with the Czechoslovak authorities as well as with private organisations the problem of the German emigrants living in Czechoslovakia.

The situation of the fugitives from the former Czech territories now ceded to the neighbouring States is another point Sir Herbert Emerson will investigate.—Trans-Ocean.

JEWISH REFUGEES

Berlin, Jan. 10. Mr. Ruble, director of the Evian Refugee Committee, arrived here this morning accompanied by two members of the Committee.

"We have come to continue the conversations we had with Dr. Schindt in London," he said. "It is hoped that the talks will facilitate Jewish emigration from Germany with the help of the Reich Government."—Reuter.

FRIEND OF CHINA

Admirers of Roosevelt In Chungking

Chungking, Jan. 10. Leaving Fatshau early the next morning, they went only a little way up the river before the sampan man advised them to walk across the country to avoid robbers. During this walk, many groups of peaceful Chinese were encountered, and it appeared that the invaders had made only one raid there when the natives put on some opposition. Policemen appointed by the civilian population were on duty, but further on, armed men in plain clothes who called themselves tax-collectors, demanded a toll of ten cents per head (Canton money) before the travellers could pass. They proved amenable to photography, however, and in conversation, said that they were soldiers and that they were soldiers deserted by their officers, but were determined to "see the thing through." These guerrillas had no regular contact with the Army.

That night was spent in another city half-way to Shekki, where free board and lodging was offered by a few elderly Chinese to the travellers, apparently to deter them from investigating in the city. However, said Mr. Jocelshon, he did walk through the streets, and found the town practically in the hands of a gang of criminals who had opened gambling schools in every street, and who controlled everything from police to taxation. Boys of ten to twelve years of age were playing stud poker in the middle of the night with a business-like air that would have done credit to Chicago gangsters.

Reviewing the latest news from the war fronts, the *Ta Kung Pao* declares that in the past Japan underestimated China, but now is not under-rating it.

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The Kowloon C.C. second team to play the Police in a League match on Saturday at 2 p.m. on the K.C.C. ground will be as follows: R. E. Lindsell (Capt.), H. Overby, B. Petheram, G. Lee, N. H. A. Mackay, A. R. F. Raven, F. S. W. Smith, O. B. Raven and W. M. Gittins. Reserve, A. E. Slikstone.

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How Eric Boon Knocked Out D. Crowley: Unexpected End Eleventh Round Punch Swings The Balance

By Harold Lewis

London, Dec. 16. Hundreds of people rushed the ring at Harringay last night, and at least 50 succeeded in fighting their way over press tables and through the ropes when Eric Boon, 18-year-old blacksmith of Chatteris, Cambridgeshire, won the British lightweight championship by knocking out Dave Crowley, of Clerkenwell, in the 13th round.

Supporters of Boon had come from all parts of the Fen country, and the thrilling climax caused one of the most fervid scenes of excitement and delirious joy seen in a fight for years.

Boon's triumph was both brilliant and, until late in the 11th round, entirely unexpected. He was being steadily and confidently outpointed by his experienced and crafty opponent until a single punch in the 11th round caused a violent swing in the fight.

That punch was a tremendously powerful right hook to the stomach, planted as Boon slipped a left lead and came back with the full force of the shoulder turned into the blow.

Crowley, having started by boxing in the most compact style, with guard held very close, ducking, weaving and forcing a battle at close quarters, gradually opened out. He took no risk whatever, but evidently planned to win by steadily outpointing his opponent.

There was little power in his blows, but he kept darting in with a left to the face, sometimes landing this blow four or five times in succession without reply.

Occasionally Boon was able to land a solid punch. He was also made to miss badly, as his rather frantic swings passed over the head of Crowley by six or nine inches.

In the fifth, Boon caught Crowley with a heavy punch, a fraction too high on the jaw. People cheered; Crowley grimmed pitiably. It was perilously close to a knockout punch.

KNOCK-OUT ONLY HOPE

But that incessant peppering from Crowley's left increased in the same proportion as did Boon's badly timed swings, and it became obvious that nothing short of a knock-out would be of any use to Boon.

Something happened in the ninth round which should have warned Crowley. Boon was learning during the fight, trying every sort of punch he knew to penetrate the close guard of the champion.

In this round, picking the right moment as Crowley dashed in, Boon tried a counter to the body. He achieved this most difficult but damaging punch admirably, and one could see that he thereupon began to concentrate upon it.

In the 11th round, as Crowley pounded upon him again, he put everything he had into the counter. It won him the fight.

BOON'S PUNCH POWER

Boon will be 19 on Dec. 30. He is very young to achieve such eminence in boxing, but for six months he has been an outstanding lightweight. Strongly built, he boxes well, is very fast and hits with as much force as most men a stone heavier.

It has been a short championship reign for Crowley, and this little sportsman deserved some sympathy amid the admiration for his conqueror. Crowley took nine years to achieve his ambition, held the title for less than six months, accepted the first challenger and lost the title to him. A very clever little boxer, Crowley has never had a damaging punch.

M. C. B. Thomas, of Wales, was the referee, and the weights were: Crowley, 9st 7½lb; Boon, 9st 9lb.

Johnny McGroarty, the former feather-weight champion, was beaten on points over eight rounds in a return fight with Jack Carrick of Hull. McGroarty boxed below his usual form and, I thought, without confidence. He seemed rather depressed by the tactics of Carrick, who rushed at him with the wildest of swings throughout the first two rounds, landing scarcely a blow. McGroarty as he



Here And There With "Abe"

Two Young Boxers To Be Brought Together Soon

WITH such a shortage of really promising material in the British boxing world, it was inevitable that two such promising youngsters and sure-drawing cards as Eric Boon and Arthur Danahar would be brought together sooner or later. There are those who feel that for the sake of British boxing, they should be kept away from each other for at least another year. But since Eric Boon knocked out Dave Crowley to win the British lightweight championship, the clamour for a meeting of the two youngsters has become even louder, and it is probably to satisfy public demand that the two have been matched. They will meet at Harringay on February 23 and Boon's title will be at stake. Len Harvey, the British heavyweight champion, and one of the most astute figures in the British ring, recently declared: "If I were managing either boy, I should steer him clear of the other for another year, at any rate. If these two boys were to meet tomorrow, there would be a fireworks display, and no substitute. But the loser would probably be lost to the game and the winner would have all the fight knocked out of him. We are too short of material to sacrifice the two lads meeting in private, holding that the public, which had followed the careers of both the boxers, should not be barred from seeing the fight."

Eric Boon's Career

KNOWN as "Sonny" to his friends and to the 6,000 inhabitants of his native Cambridgeshire village of Chatteris, blue-eyed, ruddy-complexioned Boon has been fighting for six years. At the age of 12 he was boxing boys much older than himself. Before he was 16, he had fought 40 times and won mostly on knock-outs. Until last year he continued working in his father's forge, whence he reckons he got his powerful punch. The crowning achievement of his career, of course, was his victory over Dave Crowley last month in a lightweight championship bout. He was being led on points when his powerful punch came out once again and knocked out Crowley.

Danahar's Career

IN November, Mr. Sydney Hulls caused a sensation when he announced that he was signing them up on behalf of a wealthy patron to fight at a private party he was giving. The purse money was declared to be £1,250, to be shared equally between the contestants. When Boon was informed of the arrangement by his manager, Jack Solomons, he said, "I would fight him in his back garden providing it was at 9st. 9lb." Arrangements were soon made. "Boon" and Danahar are licensed boxers and can only fight on premises licensed for boxing. The promoter, too, has a license which collocates the premises on which he may arrange fights. If Mr. Hulls wants to promote a fight elsewhere he will have to apply to the board for special permission. Most boxing enthusiasts were against the two lads meeting in private, holding that the public, which had followed the careers of both the boxers, should not be barred from seeing the fight.

Soccer Interport

ALTHOUGH Manila has not yet

given a definite reply to Hongkong's invitation, it is almost certain that a team from the Philippines will be up here during the Chinese New Year holidays for a series of matches.

The officials of the Hongkong Football Association are working on this assumption, and have already arranged for the Manila team to play three matches in the Colony. History

will be made when the visitors play a representative Hongkong side, for

never before have the two ports met at soccer, though several Colony teams—not representative—have paid visits to Manila in the past at the invitation of the P.A.A.F. The first

meeting may well prove the first link in a chain possessing a future as historic as the Hongkong-Shanghai series.

Soccer has made great strides in the Philippines in the last decade,

and therefore the keenness of the Filipinos to pit their skill against other Far Eastern ports was only to be expected. While not as scientific perhaps as the Chinese, they have easily adapted themselves to the game and are very speedy. Their matches in the Colony are certain to be interesting.



The all-star forward line which has carried Derby County to the top of the table in the First Division of the English Football League:—(left to right) S. Crooks, D. Astley, D. McCulloch, R. D. D. Dunn, C. Derby, however, were beaten at home in the Third Round of the F. A. Cup on Saturday.

FAIRER CONDITIONS FOR RYDER CUP GOLF NOW ARRANGED

London, Dec. 10. Here is great golf news. An agreement has been reached between our Professional Golfers' Association and their opposite number in America that in future the Ryder Cup tournament, staged every two years, shall be played in time and place to the choice of the visiting team, so far as this can be arranged.

As a start, when our men go across in 1939 to play in the United States, they will probably play in October or November, in either Florida or California.

This will be greeted with cheers from former players, for some British Ryder Cup men can recall having to play this match in mid-summer south of the Mason-Dixon line, when Negroes were dying of the heat, spectators at the match fainted, and our men played against medical advice and under the watchful eye of doctors. That, obviously, was not golf.

A REAL TEST

Similarly, the Americans have complained over here that they have been forced to play in a gale and blinding rain, to which they are not accustomed. Each side undoubtedly had a grievance, and the desire to make this great annual match a real test of golf is all to the good.

Next year's arrangement means a good deal more to our men. It means that they will have the chance after the Ryder Cup match of playing on the winter circuit of tournaments, which offers about £10,000 in prize money.

So now, please, no more grousing from beaten players; and no more irritating slanging matches by teams on their return home. The last packet was getting serious.

TWO GAMES PLAYED IN F.A. CUP

London, Jan. 10. Two of the postponed matches in the Third Round of the F.A. Cup were decided to-day, the results being as follows:

Southport 1 Doncaster 1
Grimbsby 0 Tramore 0

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (FIRST DIVISION)

Clyde 3 St. Johnstone 1
—Reuter.

feels the time has now come for him to step on the gas a bit.

He went twice as quickly as Edrich at the beginning of the innings at tea time, giving the bat plenty of back lift and not checking the follow-through in his drives. Perhaps he feels now established in top-class cricket and sure of himself.

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Scots Did More With One Kick Than Hungary With Five

Says Charles Buchan

Scotland 3 Hungary 1

London, Dec. 8. Despite the loss of Black, their inside-left, Scotland had little difficulty in disposing of the challenge of Hungary. In fact, it would probably have been a better game if Scotland had started with ten men.

When Black left the field Scotland had ball. Before they brought it under control the Scottish defenders smothered their efforts.

NOT SCOTLAND'S BEST

It was the same in midfield. The Hungarians used the ball discreetly, but they took too long about it. By the time they had finished a movement, quite pleasing to watch, the Scottish defenders were at their post ready for the final onslaught.

The Hungarians played what I call mechanical football. I could usually tell where they would place the ball long before the pass was made.

On one occasion the ball went from the right to the left of the field, all five forwards touching it, but not a yard of ground had been made. Another time Tilkos and Csch interchanged passes five times, yet they finished in the same place! The Scots were more effective with one kick than the Hungarians were with five.

And Scotland were not a good side. The selectors will have to put on their thinking caps before they select the team to meet England at Huddersfield Park next April.

I doubt whether six of the players will retain their positions. There was little wrong with the defence, though I have seen Beattie, the Preston back, more assertive.

McSPADYEN A SUCCESS

Shankly took the honours in a moderate Scottish half-back line. He infused a lot of energy into his play and used the ball discreetly. Symon was terribly slow, and Baxter rather easily beaten by the clever moves of

Doctor Szrosi, the Hungarian centre-forward, who usually took the ball and Baxter out to the flanks before delivering a through pass to Csch. He succeeded with the move several times, but Csch had not a shot, never mind a goal, in his locker.

In attack McSpadyen, the substitute for Delaney, carried off the honours. He was fast, beat his man with consummate ease, and placed his centres well—an International for some time to come unless I am greatly mistaken.

McCulloch had few chances until the closing minutes. Then he rather marred his chances of further honours by shooting wide twice when he had all the time in the world to place the ball in the net.

THREE "GIFT" GOALS

It was unlucky for the Hungarian rearrangement that they practically gave away the three goals—the first from a penalty and the others came through goalkeeping errors—for defence was the best part of the team. Szabo partially atoned with many brilliant saves, while the sturdy, impetuous Bro had no superior.

After Walker had failed with a simple chance, Scotland took the lead in the eighteenth minute by means of a penalty. Black was going through when he was brought down unmercifully and Walker scored from the penalty spot.

BLACK'S INJURY

Then in the space of two minutes came two further blows for the Hungarians. First, Szabo sent a weak clearance to Black, who from 20 yards put the ball quickly into the net before the goalkeeper had got back. Secondly, both Kornnyi and Szabo chased a long pass from Symon, only to see the ball strike the full-back and fall at Gillick's feet. The outside-left took the proffered gift.

Though the Hungarians often looked dangerous in the second half, they could only score from a penalty. Bentle was adjudged to have handled a centre from Tilkos, and Sorosi beat Dawson from the spot.

Scotland: Dawson (Barnes); Anderson (Preston); Bentle (Middlesbrough); Tilkos; McNaughton (Perth); Black, Hungary: Gillick (Kenton); Bro, Polak, Turay, Dudas, Tilkos, Csch, Baross, Toldi, Gyevay.



LEADING SOCCER SCORERS

LAWTON STILL IN FRONT

London, Dec. 21. Lawton, of Everton, still leads the goal scorers in the Football League with 18 successful shots. Next are Fenton (Middlesbrough) and Clarke (Blackburn) with 17 each.

DIVISION I

Lawton (Everton) 18 (Blackpool) 0 Fenton (Middlesbrough) 17 (Middlesbrough) 0 Carter (Sunderland) 13 (Grimbsy) 13 Brown (Charlton) 8 (London V.) 13 Steele (Slooke) 0 McCulloch (Derby) 11 (Derby) 0 Dix (Derby) 10 (Everton) 7

Miller (Chelsea) 10 (Everton) 7 Tadman (Chester) 10 Fagan (Liverpool) 7 Hunt (Bolton) 9 Beattie (Grimbsy) 7 Nieuwenhuyss (Liverpool) 7 Price (Huddersfield) 7 * 3 for Manchester City. 11 for Blackpool.

Division II

Clarke (Blackburn) 17 Brook (Manchester) 8 Cairns (Newcastle) 10 Heselgrave (W. Brom.) 8 Hunt (Sheffield) 10 Hall (A.) (Tottenham) 8 Jones (W. Bromwich) 14 Lager (Coventry) 8 Lyon (Chesterfield) 14 Weddle (Blackburn) 8 Macaulay (W. Ham) 13 Smith (Bradford) 0 Dodd (Sheffield) 12 Bamford (Swansea) 7

Brooke (Fulham) 11 Hall (W.) (Tottenham) 7 Hullett (Plymouth) 10 Manders (Wich) 7 Billington (Luton) 10 Milson (Manchester) 7 Clarke (W. Bromwich) 9 Mooney (Newcastle) 7 Burdin (W. Bromwich) 0 Butt (Blackburn) 7 Belges (Southampton) 0 Clavon (Burnley) 7 Walsh (Millwall) 8 Ormond (Wich) 7 Barker (Millwall) 8 Doherty (Manchester) 7 Lewis (Bradford) 8

Division III—(South)

Cheetham (Q.P.R.) 15 Hurst (Brighton) 7 Morton (Swindon) 14 Nolans (P. Vale) 7 Collins (Cardiff) 13 Hollister (P. Vale) 7 McNaughton (Reading) 11 Bott (Q.P.R.) 0 Haycox (Torquay) 10 King (N.Hamilton) 0 Ray (Aldershot) 8 Egan (Aldershot) 8 Dutton (Macclesfield) 8 Dow (Exeter) 0 Stephens (Bristol) 8 Fenton (Exeter) 8 Langley (Boscombe) 8 Williams (Clevedon) 8 Dawes, A. (C. 8 Smirke (Bolton) 8 Peters (Bristol C.) 6 Gregory (C. 6 Dunderdale (W. 8 Ford) 8 Derrick (Newport) 7 Tait (Reading) 7 Bambrick (W.Hall) 0

Division III—(North)

Prendergast (Chester) 16 Clare (Lincoln) 0 Bramham (Sheffield) 15 King (Barnsley) 0 Asquith (Barrow-in-Furness) 8 Keele (Dover) 0

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Among the horses trapped in the blazing stable was Supply House, one of the best steeple-chasers in the United States.

The loss amount to U.S. \$200,000. Reuter.

SHEFFIELD SHIELD CRICKET

Brisbane, Jan. 16. Sheffield Shield cricket scores to-day were:

Queensland 330 and 73-1; South Australia 557.—Reuter Bulletin.

CLUB TEAMS

The following will represent the Hong Kong Cricket Club on Saturday:

Firsts (away) v. Revere—II. Owen Hughes, F. H. Stokes, A. C. Beck, J. L. Bailey, M. Haynes, L. T. Ride, J. C. Gage, J. A. Gage, P. H. Sconce, L. D. Kilbee, G. Longfield.

Seconds (home) v. I.R.C. (league)—

E.J.H. Mitchell, G. S. Lovett, G. Fox, D. S. Robb, W. Stoker, D. G. Farmer, R.M.M. King, H. J. Armstrong, C.W.E. Bishop, H.J.D. Lowe, S.J.J. Cooke. Reverses—J. E. Potter, D. S. Blake.

"Hot Dogs" Put Together

Sun Francisco. Promoters of the 1930 Golden Gate International exposition are still juggling with the number of "hot dogs" which they have estimated will be eaten during the fair. This time, they have stretched the "hot dogs" out together and have figured they would reach 273 miles.

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Goncharoff's Pupils Rehearse



The photographer caught George Goncharoff instructing Ellen Ford in a pose during rehearsals.—Jaffer.



Peggy Scotcher ties her ballet shoes during a rehearsal hour at the Goncharoff School of Dance.—Jaffer.



These small pupils at the Goncharoff School of Dance are taking a lively interest in the rehearsals for the forthcoming ballet "Sleeping Beauty".—Jaffer.



Long hours of practice are needed to perfect this beautiful pose as demonstrated above by Peggy Scotcher.—Jaffer.



Goncharoff pupils with their ballet master posing for a final group during rehearsals. They will present the ballet "Sleeping Beauty" at the King's Theatre on February 2.—Jaffer.



Peggy Scotcher and Ellen Ford as they will appear in the "Sleeping Beauty" ballet.—D'Asia Studio.

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TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW



CAMPHORWOOD BOXES

Charge of Fraudulent Conversion of Money

Further evidence in the case against Wong Tat-nam, alias Wong Kwong-hing, alleged to have stolen 20 sets of camphorwood boxes, valued at \$700, on September 11, and to have fraudulently converted to his own use the sum of \$700 received on account of Central and Company, was heard before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

Mr. M. A. da Silva prosecuted for the complainant, Pun Ngam-shun, while Mr. J. M. D'Almada Remedios appeared for Wong. Mr. H. A. de Botelho was present for Ip Hon-tung, the purchaser of the boxes.

In Hon-tung, proprietor of the Kwing Hing Chan Shop in Tai Nam Street, said he was introduced to defendant by a friend, who said he had some camphorwood boxes for sale. He was told the goods were from a shop which had closed down.

The transaction was completed on November 11, and the police arrived at his shop about ten days later.

Mo Kan, 15, apprentice of the Central Company, said he was instructed by Pun to take the boxes and go with Wong to Gloucester Road, where they were loaded on to a sampan. He heard his master ask Wong for the money, and Wong told his master to go with him to the office for it.

The crew of the sampan were told by Pun not to leave, but shortly after this the boatmen rowed away. The hearing was adjourned until January 18.

COAL THEFT ALLEGED

Four men, Cheng Sal-lo, 42, Lui Sui-tsin, 36, Lee Yat-sin, 36, and Hong Wan-man, 25, appeared before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday in connection with the loss of 15 tons of coal from the coal yard of John Manners & Company on December 15.

Cheng Sal-lo was accused of the theft, and the others were charged with conspiracy. On the application of the police, the case was adjourned for three days.

MUI-TSAI COMPLAINS

Alleged Ill-treatment Of Unregistered Girl

Li Tsin-ming, an unemployed, and Yau Yik-hung, 40, married woman, were charged before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy yesterday with having employed an unregistered maid-servant, Li Shun-hop, aged 12, at Eastern Street on January 7, ill-treating a maid-servant, and ill-treating a child under 16, and ill-treating a maid-servant by the woman.

Mr. H. W. Frazer, inspector of Mui-tsa, said that a very bad report had been received from the medical officer who examined the girl, who had been struck on the legs, head and back with a feather duster by first defendant, and with a piece of firewood by the woman.

Li claimed the girl as a relative, while Yau said the girl had struck her with the piece of wood and she had snatched it and struck her back.

Hearing was fixed for January 19, bail of \$100 each being allowed defendants.

HEALTH BULLETINS

One case of Diphtheria, four of Typhoid, six of Malaria, three of Chicken-pox, two of Meningitis, and five of Dysentery, were reported to the Health authorities on Monday.

During the past week, two cases of Cholera with one death, six of Small-pox with five deaths, 10 of Diphtheria with seven deaths, one of Scarlet Fever, seven of Typhoid with two deaths, 22 of Malaria with eight deaths, two of Chicken-pox, three of Meningitis with one death, 10 of Dysentery with eight deaths, two of Puerperal Fever, and 112 deaths from Tuberculosis, were also reported.



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Social Items

The engagement is announced of Gerard Kuep, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Kuep, of Hongkong, and Mareni Berg, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Berg of Shanghai.

A most enjoyable function took place yesterday in St. Andrew's Church Hall, which was decorated with flags, when the St. Andrew's Women's Guild held their New Year Party. Community singing, quiet games and competitions were the order of the day, and the party was a great success.

After living in the Colony for 38 years and being attached to St. Andrew's Church since its consecration over thirty years ago, Mrs. E. F. Stoneham left Kowloon for home yesterday and will not return.

She and her husband are going to live at their house at Broadstairs, Kent. There can be very few other British people in the Colony who have been here for that length of time, representing that old school of Britishers who built up the Colony. Mrs. Stoneham stands for the best in that tradition, and has always been faithful to her Church, comments the "Advertiser."

LATE NEWS

"World War In The Spring" - Kennedy

Washington, Jan. 10. - "A world war may start in the spring," Ambassador Joseph Kennedy is reported to have told the Joint Military Affairs Committee of both Houses to-day, when reporting on the European situation, according to a member of the committee.

Mr. Bullitt, the Ambassador to France, is said to have concurred with this view.

Mr. Kennedy was quoted as predicting that war might break out as a result of a German invasion of the Ukraine, or if Italy should attempt to seize Tunis.

Mr. Kennedy is said to have submitted to the committee data with regard to German air strength compiled by Colonel Lindbergh, which reputedly credits Germany with a first-line strength of 10,000 planes, and an output of 1,200 planes a month.

Mr. Kennedy is quoted as saying: "The lesson of all this is preparedness." - Reuter.

Hungary Withdraws From League

Rome, Jan. 11. - Hungary has decided to withdraw from the League of Nations and will communicate her decision to Geneva in the next few days, reliable information indicates.

It is pointed out that Hungary recently made definite moves to befriend the countries adhering to the anti-Comintern Pact. It concluded a cultural agreement with Japan and on Tuesday formally recognized Manchukuo. - Doreen.

Accounts showed an expenditure of \$305, leaving a balance in hand of \$45.

RETREAT PLAYED

Retreat was played by the Band of the 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots, at the Hongkong Cricket Club ground yesterday, before Vice-Admiral Sir Percy Noble, the Commander-in-Chief, and others.

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TRAFFIC BREACHES

Europeans Fined For Minor Offences

B. M. Bateman, of Jordine Mathe-son and Company Ltd., was fined \$10 by Mr. Q. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy yesterday on a summons for overtaking a moving vehicle on the left-hand side on December 30. He was cautioned on another charge of having no red rear light on his car.

Traffic Sergeant F. G. Appleton said that he followed the car along Queen's Road Central about 7.30 p.m. on December 30, as the rear light was out. At the junction of Garden Road the car was stopped by a traffic signal. On moving off, it followed another car which had stopped ahead, but passed the car on the near side when near the west corner of Garden Road.

Defendant, in evidence, said that he was under the impression that the car in front intended to turn round the front of the Hongkong Bank Building.

Fines amounting to \$10 were imposed on P. Bartlett, of the Gloucester Hotel, when he admitted having exceeded the parking time limit in Chater Road on December 24 and 25.

Mrs. G. V. Churchill, of May Road, was fined \$5 for leaving her car unattended in Queen's Road Central on December 28.

Dental of Charges

F/Lt. R. C. S. Allin, of Kai Tak Aerodrome, was summoned before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday for not having been in a position to have full control of his car in Nathan Road on December 14, and for having driven without due care and caution.

Allin denied both charges and hearing of the case was fixed for Friday, January 13, at 2.30 p.m.

Asking Allin if he had time to attend Court on January 13, Mr. Macfadyen inquired, smilingly: "You are not superstitious, are you?"

Allin: "Not very sir. I think I can manage that day."

The case was adjourned because one of the prosecution's witnesses is in the New Territories.

ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY

Annual Meeting Reviews Year's Activities

The annual meeting of Cyndethes Dew (St. David's Society) was held yesterday, when the president, Mr. E. W. Davies, occupied the chair. Mr. Davies was unanimously re-elected president and Mr. E. Lloyd Jones elected vice-president.

The following committee was appointed: - Mrs. J. G. Hooper, Mrs. K. Cooper, Messrs. D. A. Jones, D. F. Davies, E. R. Price and E. C. Thomas.

It was decided to hold the annual dinner on St. David's day, March 1, at the Hongkong Hotel, and to arrange a cocktail party and a bazaar party during the Chinese New Year holidays.

Mr. Davies strongly urged members to make an effort to increase the membership, as it was felt that there were many residents of Welsh nationality in the Colony who were eligible for membership.

The annual report showed there were 41 members, including six life members. The activities of the Society were from time to time communicated to the librarian of the National Library of Wales, Aberystwyth.

Accounts showed an expenditure of \$305, leaving a balance in hand of \$45.

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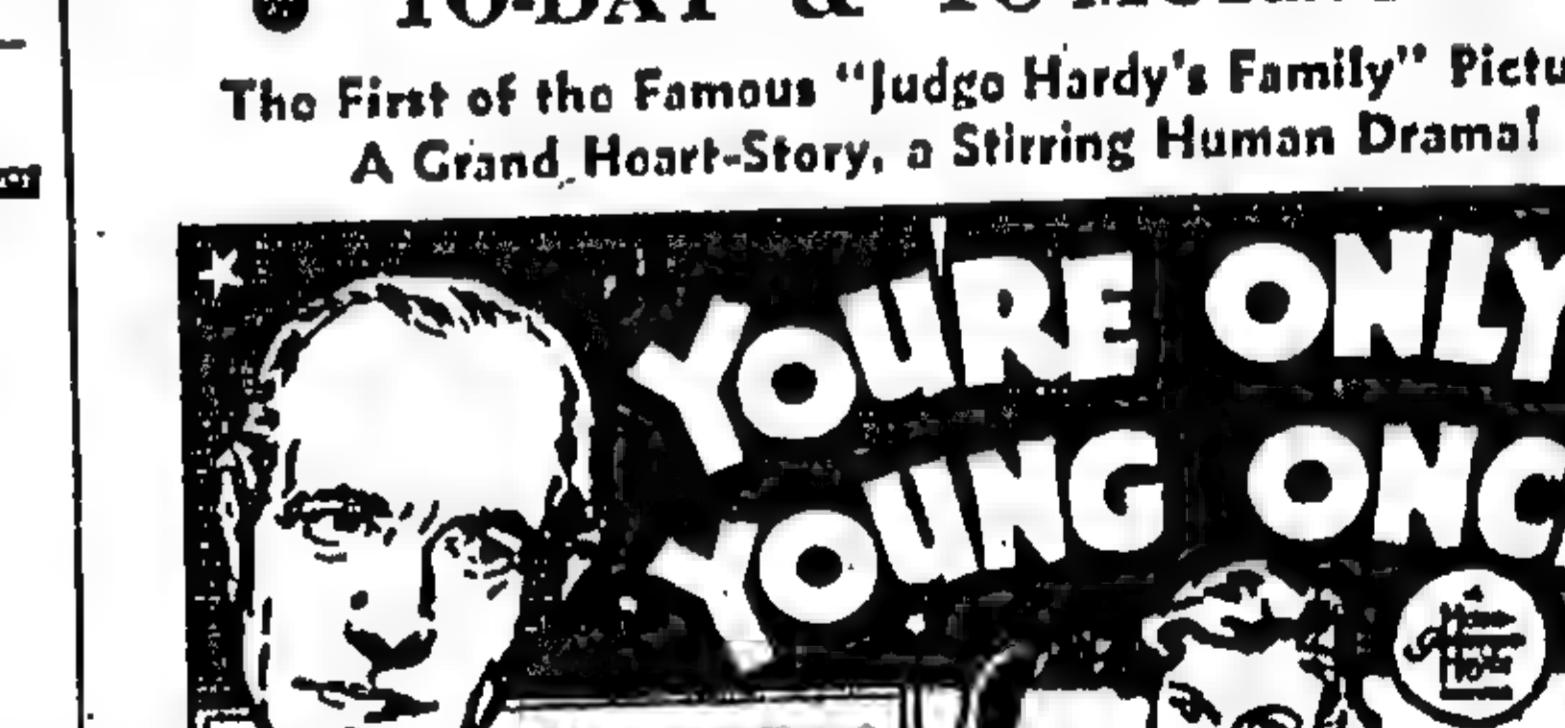
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EX-KING Alfonso of Spain is to gain nearly £1,000,000 by the decision of General Franco to restore the privately owned property which was confiscated by the Spanish Parliament seven years ago.

He is also to enjoy his rights as a Spanish citizen. But that does not mean that he is going to get his throne back.

At the same time, there is a strong desire among the various parties that constitute General Franco's following to restore the monarchy as quickly as possible.

The grandees, the church, the military caste and the bulk of the peasants all want a King again on the throne of Spain.

But the King will not be Alfonso.

The man they want is Alfonso's third son, Don Juan, who served for some years as a Midshipman in the British Navy.

Don Juan is warmly in favour of General Franco's policy, and has already offered to fight in the Franco Army.

Any proposal to place Don Juan on the throne of Spain would be supported by the British Government, it is understood, because he is friendly to Britain.

Another reason for Britain's sup-

Loss Of Nerve Explained

IT is a common experience that, as an apparent result of some emergency or accident, a certain number of people, in popular phraseology, "lose their nerve."

In medical phraseology this may include the development, or manifestation of a condition of neurasthenia, hysteria, neurosis, psychoneurosis or psychosis, terms on the exact meaning of which doctors themselves tend to differ, but which coincide, in varying degrees, a mental as well as a physical factor.

There are many people who, after a bad fall while climbing a mountain or a ladder, or after a smash while driving a car, feel unable to climb or drive again, or are apprehensive if they have to do so. There are others who, after some injury to an arm or leg—and long after the physical injury has healed or been repaired—manifest losses of movement or sensation in the affected part, or develop some curious pain or other disability for which there is no apparent reason.

INTERESTING SURVEY

The war gave an enormous opportunity for the laying down of at least a few general principles on the problems of such people.

This is emphasised in an extremely interesting survey of the whole question by Dr. William Brend in his recently published book, "Traumatic Mental Disorders in Courts of Law" (Heinemann, 7s. 6d).

As a neurologist to the Ministry of Pensions, a lecturer on Forensic Medicine, and medical assessor, Dr. Brend has had an unusually wide experience. And briefly he is sceptical, from the purely medical standpoint, whether in the great majority of cases an accident or emergency can in itself produce the permanent condition that might be summed up in the term "loss of nerve."

Although, for instance, as he points out, there were large numbers of such cases amongst those serving in the War, a considerable proportion of them had seen no active service, and there was no observable relation between the severity of a wound and a subsequent loss of nerve.

An accident brings into light, rather than actually causes, some previously underlying defect of mental and physical co-ordination that evinces itself in some conscious fear or loss of bodily control.



President Roosevelt, stamp collector, receives a souvenir sheet of Christmas seals, in his White House office. Left to right: Dr. James G. Townsend, president of the local tuberculosis association; Mrs. Ernest R. Grant, managing director, and Dr. Thomas Parran, Surgeon General and a director of the National Tuberculosis Association.

The 22nd Arrives For Granfer George

ANOTHER grandchild, his 22nd, has arrived for Mr. George Lansbury, M.P. No one loves children more than Mr. Lansbury, but he looks at all his descendants sometimes and wonders a little fearfully and yet with hopes that . . .

However, let the Grand Old Man of the East End speak for himself on what it is like to be the doyen of what he confesses is becoming something of a Lansbury Tribe.

"Yes," he said, "I have my twenty-second grandchild. It is Eric's this time—my youngest son—and the view, in spite of all the shouting, that baby is a great big bonny boy, weighing 8½ lb. That makes how many grandsons? Bessie has one, Bill three, Dolly one, Violet two, Edgar two, and this is Eric's third. That makes 12 grandsons."

"How do I feel about it? Well, I love children and enjoy their arrival like anyone else who is human, but there is in these days a terrible uncertainty of fear about what is to happen to them. This is Eric's boy and I continually ask myself what their future is going to be."

Mr. Lansbury paused. "And yet through it all," he went on, "I have a sort of hunch, as people would say, that things will not be as bad as we fear. There is in the world to-day a terrible desire for peace. We must not allow ourselves to be blinded by noise."

"And now I must go and see my new grandson as soon as I can."

California attracted automobile visitors from 27 countries of the world during recent months, according to a check on licences issued. The foreign visitors came from the Latin American countries, China, Japan, Arabia, England, France, Switzerland and India.

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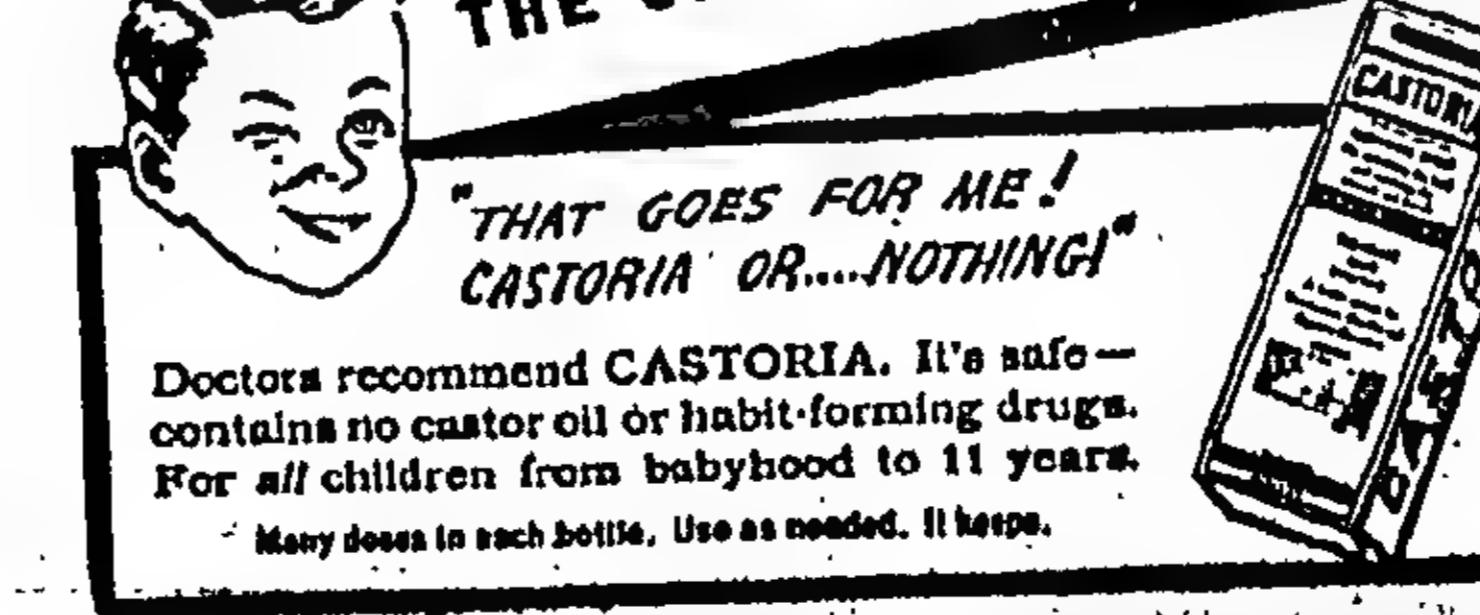
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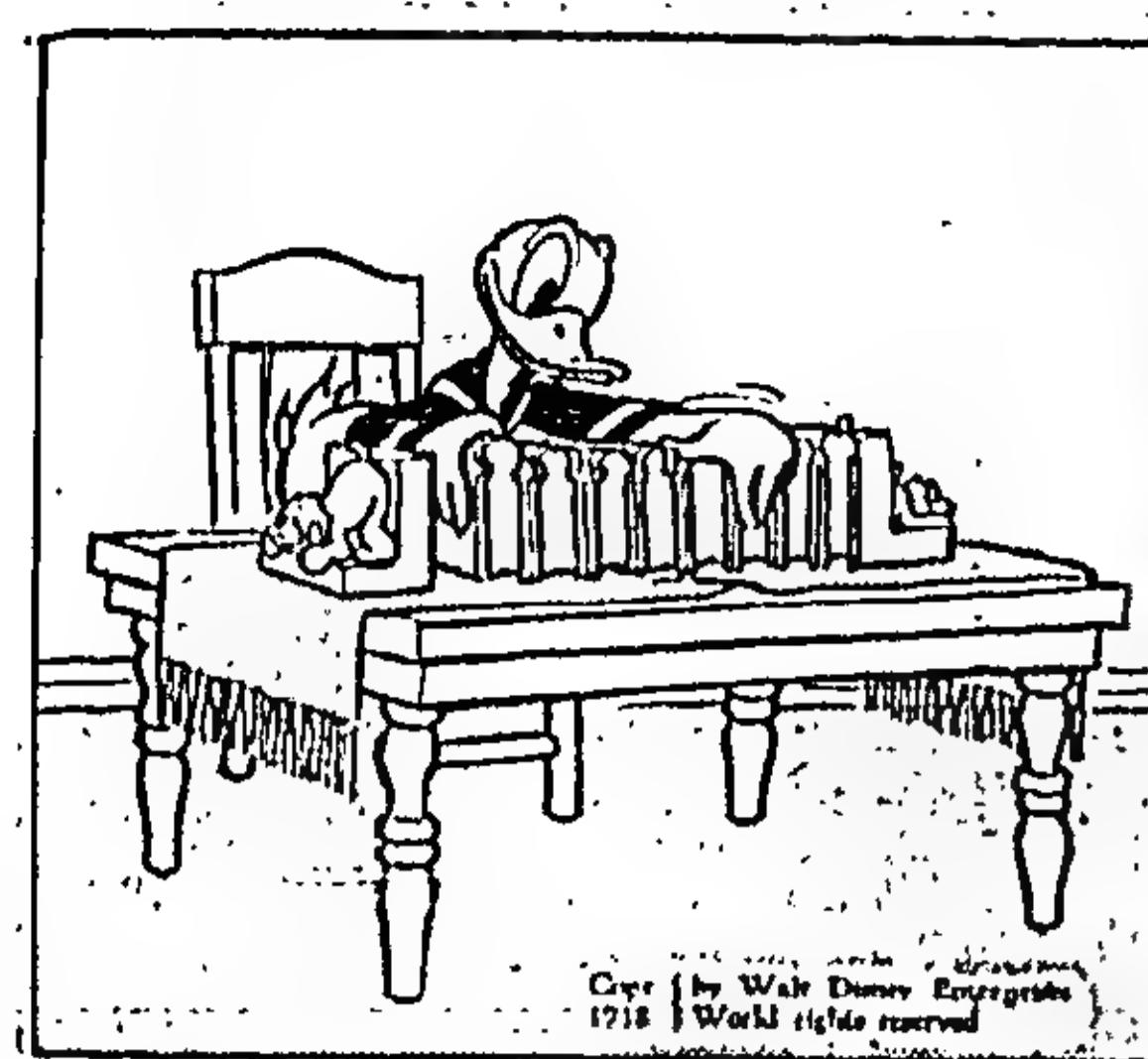
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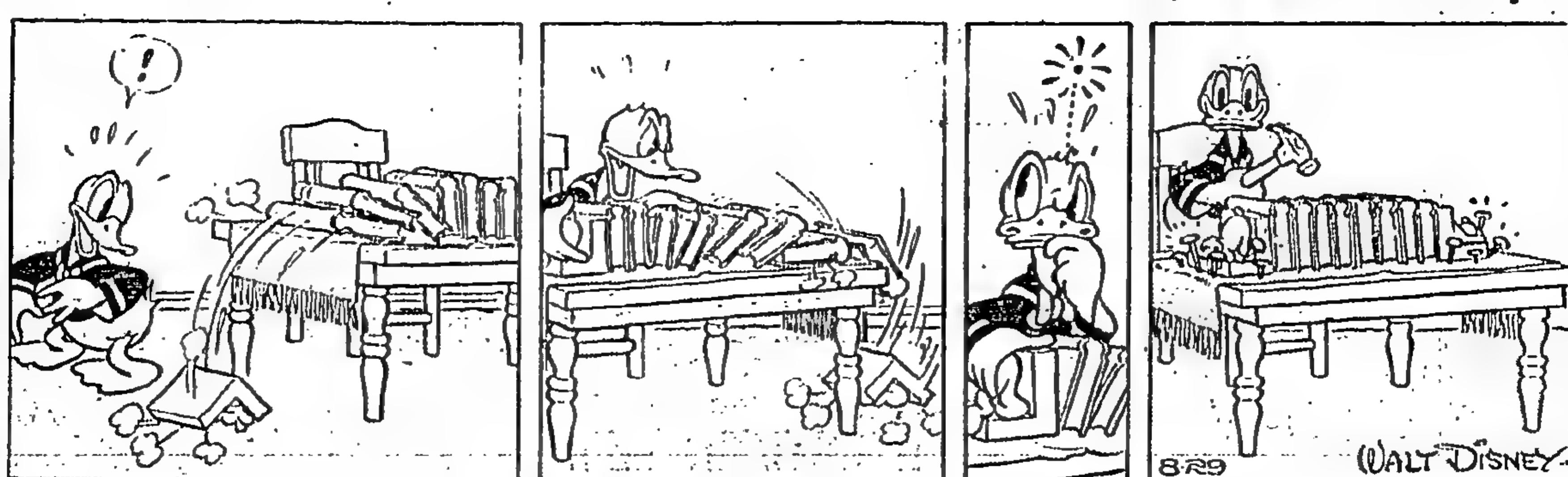
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Hungarians Recognise Manchukuo Conquest

TOKYO, Jan. 10.
THE RECOGNITION of
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caused great satisfaction
here.

Political circles believe that it
foreshadows Hungary's adhesion
to the anti-Comintern pact.

The Premier, Baron Hiranuma, in
a telegram to the Hungarian Premier,
Baron Bela de Imredy, expressed his
gratification at the decision of the
Hungarian Government, and his hope
that the friendly relations between
Hungary, Manchukuo, and Japan would
become still closer.

A spokesman of the Japanese
Office likewise expressed his satisfaction
at the recognition.

The spokesman stressed that
relations between Japan and Hungary
had become increasingly friendly
in consequence of the cultural agree-
ment recently concluded between
the two countries, and that on the other
hand, Hungary was on cordial terms
with the other two signatories of the
anti-Comintern pact—Germany and
Italy.—Trans-Ocean.

Nazis' Pound Of Flesh

Will Barter Jews
For Money

BERLIN, Jan. 10.
DR. SCHACHT, President of
the Reichsbank, is expected to
return from Basle to-night to begin
discussions to-morrow with the
Refugee Committee, headed by Mr. George Rublee. The
committee arrived here to-day.

It is learned that discussions will
be based on the plan which Dr.
Schacht took to London, but it is
understood that Dr. Schacht has
hinted that the plan is not Germany's
last word.

Germany apparently imagines that
world Jewry is prepared to call off
the anti-German boycott in order to
help their brethren in Germany, but
there is good reason to believe that
foreign Jewish resources are already
drained, assisting German Jews.

Dr. Schacht is understood to have
given a definite assurance that there
will be no further anti-Jewish mea-
sures in Germany unless negotiations
for an emigration loan break down.—
Reuter.

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TO SHAI JEWIS

Shanghai, Jan. 10.
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Sunday of the Italian liner, Victoria,
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mark, the Jewish Committee has an-
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6.58 Richard Tauber (Tenor) in a
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11.6 Close down.

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3. The Donkey Serenade; 4. Music
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8.20 Reginald Foote at the Organ.

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8.30 London Relay—"Empire Ex-
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9.30 London Relay—The News.

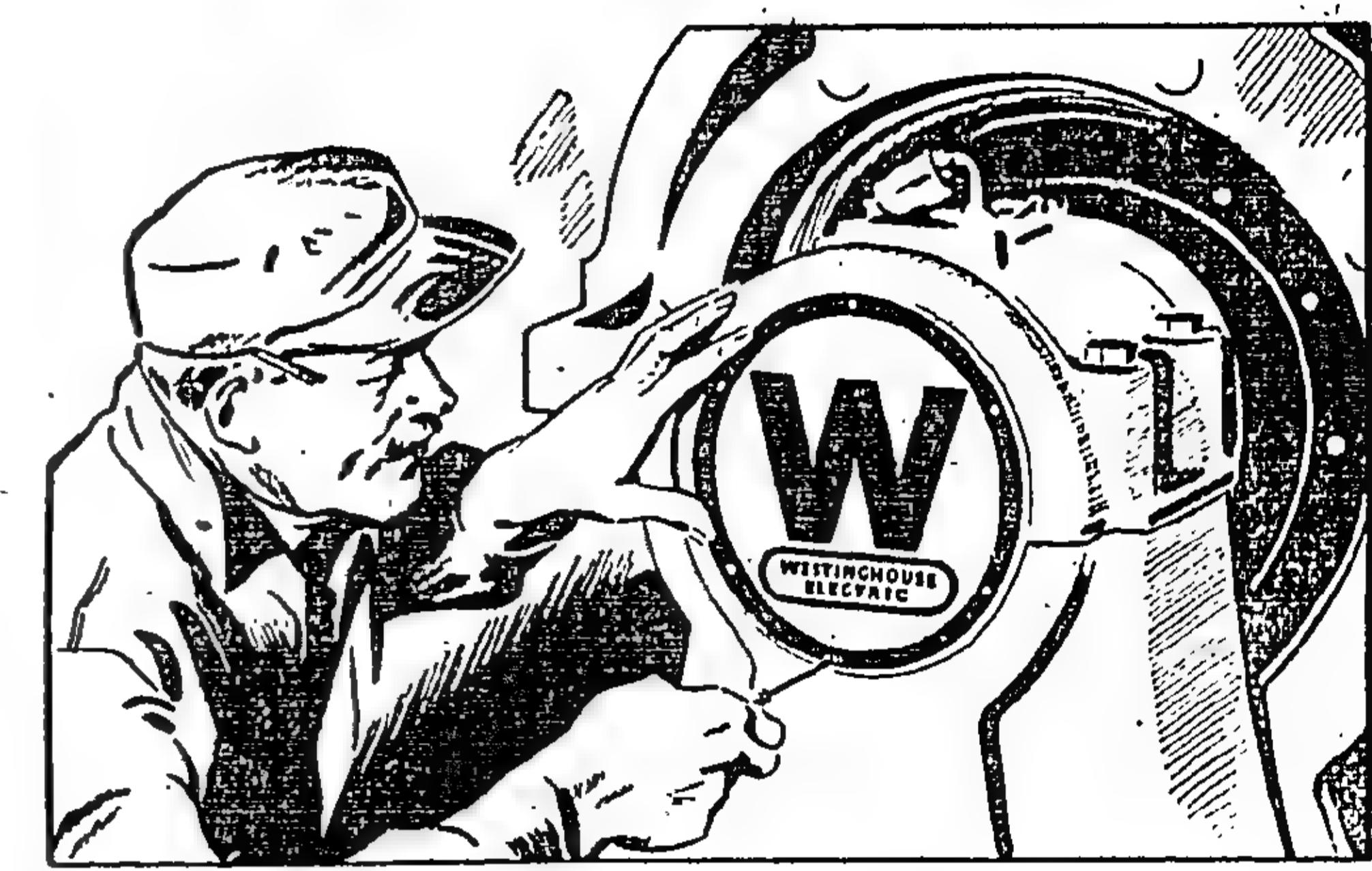
9.50 Request Programme.

Trio No. 1 In B Flat (Schubert) ...
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When Is a War?

GREAT BRITAIN, thus far, has steered clear of the ticklish international problem created by the hostilities between China and Japan. Neither China nor Japan will admit that a war is in progress and there has been no formal declaration. Diplomatically, this pretence has not only suited Japan and China but also, apparently, the Western Powers.

In the detention in Hongkong of a number of Chinese soldiers, interned in Kowloon City until, presumably, the termination of hostilities, the Hongkong Government appears to have set a precedent which can quite conceivably have unforeseen results.

If China and Japan are not at "war" in the official sense of the word, by what authority are the prisoners detained? And what would be the Government's position if any Chinese or other person took out a writ of *Habeas Corpus*, demanding the release of one or more of the internees?

Blockade

THE DANGER in the visit to Rome this week of the Premier, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, is that he may be induced by Signor Mussolini to grant belligerent rights to Franco in Spain—the right to stop, in the High Seas off England or anywhere else, any ship which may be carrying supplies to the Loyalists.

The granting of belligerent rights to Franco would not necessarily end the war through starving the Loyalists of arms and war materials. But it would probably end the war by starving the women and children in Loyalist Spain. There are 3,715,000 children and over 3,000,000 refugees from other parts of Spain in Loyalist territory. Theirs is a problem of cruel distress on a mass scale. For the Loyalists there is neither peace nor plenty, but war and scarcity. Any concession to Franco will place into Insurgent hands the deadly weapon of starvation.

Intervention

FOR TWO and a half years the Spanish people have been defending their elected Government against a military rebellion begun and supported by Totalitarian States.

While Britain and other democratic countries have forbidden the sending of arms to the Loyalists in the name of "Non-Intervention," Italy and Germany have openly sent armies, aeroplanes and "advisers" to General Franco, and have publicly boasted of breaking "Non-Intervention."

Without their backing, Franco's rebellion would never have started or, at the utmost, would have been stillborn.

The Earth is Getting late... Days are longer... Sun-spots are upsetting Radio...

It may be The Driest Period for Years

OBSEVATIONS made at Greenwich have shown that the Moon is departing from its calculated course. At the present time it is farther from its position, according to the theory of gravitation, than it has been at any time since 1680.

The blame for this apparently erratic behaviour is to be put on our own Earth.

The Earth provides us with our standard of time: the day. If the length of the day changes because the Earth does not turn round on its axis at a constant rate, the Moon will be in a slightly different place in the heavens from that in which we expect to find it.

Other bodies, such as the Sun, Mercury or Venus are also found to be in positions that are slightly different from their calculated ones, but as the motions of these bodies in the sky are slower than that of the Moon their errors are not so great.

Friction of Tides

THE astronomer can use either the Earth, the Moon, the Sun, Mercury or Venus, as a clock; and the last four of these agree in showing that the Earth is a bad timekeeper.

It is easy to see why the day should gradually get longer. The friction of tidal waters in the beds of the oceans acts as a brake on the rotation of the Earth and gradually slows it down.

This process will go on for millions of years, until at length the Earth will always turn the same face to the Moon, just as the Moon already always turns the same face to the Earth. The day will then be equal to 47 of our present days.

But this gradual lengthening of the day is not uniform: sometimes it is accelerated, sometimes retarded. The cause of these variations is perhaps due to a slight expansion or contraction of the Earth as a whole. An oscillation of the surface by one or two feet above and below its mean value would be sufficient to account for them.

One Second a Year

THE most rapid change in the length of the day occurred between 1863 and 1875, and amounted to one three-hundredth part of second a day, giving an accumulated error in the course of a year of more than one second.

The best astronomical clocks yet made are almost good enough to check this error. A new form of clock, however, in which the time is registered by the vibrations of a crystal of quartz, is being made for the Greenwich Observatory, and this should be reliable to the one-thousandth part of a second per day. It may prove to be a better time-keeper than the Earth.

The length of the day can change with considerable suddenness. The quickest changes have occurred about 1790, 1896, and 1917. These were only found by astronomical observations. Perhaps the next sudden change will be revealed by our clocks.

At the present time sun-spots and other disturbances on the sun are rapidly becoming more frequent. It has been suggested that the abnormal weather of

the past 18 months may be a result of this. Last year was the driest year in Hongkong for 40 years.

Though it seems that sun-spots do have some effects on the weather—as indicated, for instance, by the variations in the widths of the annual rings of trees [shown in cross sections

of the trunks] appearing to coincide with the number of sun-spots—those effects are largely concealed by the many other complicated factors that continue to make the weather.

It is not fair to blame sun-spots for our dry weather. But those organisations concerned with wireless communication can justly blame the sun for some of the troubles that they are experiencing.

They may be receiving short wave wireless messages quite normally when, within a few seconds, the messages will fade away entirely.

It has been established recently that these fading synchronise exactly with intensely hot eruptions on the sun. Such eruptions usually occur in the neighbourhood of sun-spots and are frequent when the spots are numerous and rare when they are few.

More Sun-Spots

AS sun-spots will become still more numerous for the next two years, it looks as though there is going to be considerable interruption in the reception of beam wireless messages.

Can we also blame sun-spots for the changes in the course of the Gulf Stream and other ocean currents?

These changes are of great importance to the fishing industry. Herring, haddock, plaice, and sole intensely dislike the warm Gulf Stream water,

creature, who has unctuous manners and drives a small, uncomfortable car much too fast because he thinks it is clever.

He appears often to be horribly misled by the idea of his own importance, he criticises things of which he has had no experience, and sneers at old age as something Victorian which ought to be put out of life decently.

ALL the young men I know have three topics of conversation—Themselves, their Clubs, and their Cars—and one qualification—they can dance.

The youth of to-day thinks it is amusing to be cynical, especially towards women, in whose presence he likes to show off atrociously. He does not realise his own rawness, his lack of subtlety, or the emptiness of his words.

You can see him everywhere, at the hotels, at the Club and at parties, hands in pockets, cigarette in mouth, smiling the smile of complete complacency, because he really believes he is the salt of the earth.

The man of 40 is a very different person. He has learned to look on nature not as in the hour of thoughtless youth but with the chastened understanding of experience.

The lesson of his own follies has made him tolerant of other people's weaknesses. He treats women with deference and respect, because he can remember the days when we were really placed on a pedestal. He is courteous and considerate, he knows how to pay compliments.

He is a charming companion because he has long since outgrown talking about himself. He is witty without being vulgar. He can choose a good dinner unostentatiously, and does not bully his inferiors.

He takes an interest in life itself, not merely its pleasures. He is sympathetic, because few men reach the age of 40 without some suffering. Like new wine, youth is harsh and crude to the palate; the older man is mature and mellow. He may have grey hair, be unable to drive a car more than 35 miles an hour, and detest parties, but he is stimulated and safe with him.

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This drawing shows how the Moon exerts its pull on the tides, which, in turn, by their friction on the ocean beds act as a brake slowing down the Earth's rotation.

Guide to Fishermen

WHEN the Gulf Stream is strong, catches of these fish are poor. The most valuable food-fish prefer the cold stream coming from the North, which is rich in the phosphates that provide nourishment for the minnows on which the fish feed. Not enough is yet known about these changes in the Gulf Stream to say whether or not they are due to sun-spots; they are being studied by the development commission on fishery matters.

It would indeed be fortunate if it could be established that sun-spots do influence these changes, because we can predict with fair accuracy how numerous sun-spots are going to be. It would then become possible to also to predict the course of the Gulf Stream and to advise fisher-

men where they should fish to obtain good catches.

1819 Over Again?

MANY people are anxious to know whether sun-spots will afford any guide to the weather to be expected this year. There is no astronomer or meteorologist who could predict with any confidence what this year's weather will be.

Hongkong's meteorological records do not go further back than the Seventies. But in England, a hundred years ago, the rainfall in the first five months of the year was double the normal, and one of the driest summers on record followed, with a total rainfall from the middle of May to the end of August of less than 1½ in.

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GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichly



"Money doesn't mean happiness! Snodgrass, over there, with his two million isn't a bit happier than Fuglefeath with his million."

PRINCE ON PLANE

Leaves By Delta For London

Prince Hussein of the Yemen, accompanied by his A.D.C., Alkand Al Ahamdi, left Hongkong by the Imperial Airways plane Delta at 7.30 a.m. yesterday for London.

The third son of the King of Yemen, Arabia, missed his ship in Shanghai, and was flown down to Canton non-stop by a Japanese naval plane. He was brought to Hongkong on Monday by a Japanese mine-sweeper.

The Prince, dressed in full Arab fashion, made a striking figure at the airport. He passed through here in May last year on his way to Japan to open a mosque in Tokyo. Representatives of 44 Mohammedan countries attended the ceremony.

The Delta, which took off half an hour earlier, carried four passengers. They were Mr. H. J. Weston, returning to Sydney after visiting his parents here; Mr. Krahen and Mr. W. Cresswell for Bangkok, and Mr. Laugelot for Fort Bayard.

Among the freight on the plane was a case of a dozen hen's eggs for Bangkok.

Air Mail Delayed

The air mail scheduled to arrive this afternoon has been delayed by a hold-up on the European line, and is expected to arrive to-morrow at 5 p.m.

GLIDER ATTEMPT

An attempt to fly non-stop from Perth to Adelaide, 1,450 miles, in a glider, will be made shortly by Philip Wills, the British Empire's leading sailplane pilot. He believes the Nullabor Plains, the wide arid stretch between the two cities, will reflect strong upward currents, enabling him to gain altitude.

AUSTRALIAN RECORD

New records in air transport between Australia and Tasmania were made recently, when Douglas air liners made 10 crossings of Bass Strait in one day, carrying 250 passengers. One plane, the Warana, made the first night crossing, and covered 1,930 miles in the 24 hours.

FLIGHT TO HAWAII

San Diego, Jan. 10. Nineteen amphibian planes hopped off to-day for Guantanamo on the first stage of their flight to Hawaii. The first left at 6.11 a.m. and the last 26 minutes later.—United Press.

AIR SERVICES

Arrivals and Departures Of Planes

For London, Australia, British Countries and Europe: Imperial Airways 7 a.m. Jan. 13; Imperial Airways 7 a.m. Jan. 17.

For Chukking, Sian, etc.; Eurasia and C.N.A.C. service indefinite.

For U.S.A., via Manila, Honolulu, Guam; China Clipper 8.30 a.m. Jan. 19.

For France via Hanot: Air France, 6.30 a.m. Jan. 14.

From London, Australia and British Countries: Imperial Airways 5 p.m. Jan. 12; Imperial Airways 5 p.m. Jan. 14.

From Chukking, Yunnanfu, Kwel-lin; C.N.A.C. Eurasia Services indefinite.

From U.S.A., via Honolulu, Guam, Manila; Pan American China Clipper 12.30 p.m. Jan. 18.

From France, via Hanot: Air France 12.30 p.m. Jan. 12.

NEW PLAN IN INDIA

Gandhi Submits Draft Of Constitution

Calcutta, Jan. 10. Political circles in close touch with the Congress Party are inclined to attach very great importance to the draft of the new Indian Federal Constitution just finished by Gandhi.

It is recalled that the Constitution drafted by the British Commission so far could not be enforced because the question of the religious minorities proved insoluble and especially the biggest minority of Indian Mohammedans refused to be subjected to the Hindus.

Gandhi's new draft is said to show the way out of these difficulties. It is expected that the contents of the new Constitution draft will be published to-morrow when the Executive Committee of the Congress Party meets in Bardoli.

Unless Gandhi's draft takes due regard to the question of the native States it is more than doubtful whether the rulers of these States will allow enforcing of the new Constitution plan.—Trans-Ocean.

PIRATICAL ATTACK

British Warship Answers Tug's Appeal

Shanghai, Jan. 10. Responding to a distress message, H.M.S. *Tern* lying at Woosung steamed up and raced to help Jardine's tug *Hanwo* which was attacked by four pirate-manned junks early yesterday afternoon while towing three lighters with exports from the lower Yangtze to Shanghai.

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EVACUATION PLAN

Britain Divided Into Three Zones

London, Jan. 10. The Ministry of Health to-day issued a list showing the division of England and Wales for purposes of evacuation. The country is divided into three groups, firstly a limited number of large crowded areas from which evacuation takes place, secondly a number of neutral areas which, though not to be evacuated, are not to be used for reception purposes, and thirdly districts not included in the above which will be used for reception.

The evacuation areas include all metropolitan boroughs of most of the leading industrial, shipping or naval centres as well as populous towns and boroughs in Essex and Middlesex. The neutral areas include most of London's northern, southern and western suburbs, Derby, Plymouth, Sunderland, Durham, Southend, Harwich, Bristol, Aldershot, Sheerness, Margate, Ramsgate, Grimsby, Norwich, Yarmouth and Swansea.

The counties which are neither evacuation nor neutral areas include Bedford, Berks, Bucks, Cambridgeshire, Dorset, Oxfordshire, East and West Suffolk, the Isle of Wight, and the greater part of Wales.—Reuter Special.

Minister Defend Steps

London, Jan. 10. Sir John Anderson, Minister for Civil Defence, to-day defended the Government's measures and stated that provisions for fire-fighting units to be completed in 1941 had been speeded up and will be completed at the end of the year.

He stated that recruits for civil defence were almost up to requirements and there was only a small gap. He was going on with recruiting in order to have a reserve force.

Deep bomb-proof shelters had not been ruled out and the question would be considered.

"We are taking the necessary precautions in view of the risk of war in the near future, but that does not mean we expect a war," he declared.—Reuter Bulletin.

SUCCESSFUL CLAIM

Full Reimbursement by Dry Cleaning Firm

Judgment for plaintiff for the full amount, with costs, was delivered by the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell, at the Supreme Court yesterday, in a claim brought by Jerome Law, of the Commercial Bureau, York Building, against the New Method Steam Laundry of 149 Prince Edward Road, for \$60 in respect of loss of five suits of clothing sent to defendant firm to be cleaned and pressed, between August and September last year.

His Lordship said that the fact that defendant had printed his conditions on the back of his receipts would entitle an ordinary, reasonable man to think those were the only conditions, and a person would therefore not expect to find other conditions printed on the other side of the receipt, as in the present case.

His Lordship also advised the defendant to have new receipts issued with the conditions all printed on the back, and with a direction on the face of the receipt to that effect.

The plaintiff's case was that though he was Chinese, he could read little of his own language, having lived for the greater part of his life abroad, and he had accordingly not noticed the most important condition on the receipt, which was printed only in Chinese, on the face and not the back.

Mr. C. D'Almada appeared on behalf of the plaintiff, while Lee Kim-hung, managing partner of the defendant firm, appeared in person.

It will be recalled that at a previous hearing, defendant only admitted liability for the loss of one suit. He also claimed that one of the conditions of his business was that the loss of any suit would only be made good by the payment of ten times the cleaning price, which varied from six cents to 36 cents per article. This condition was printed in Chinese only, on the front of the receipt, and was the one plaintiff claimed he had not noticed. It was the plaintiff's case that, even if he had noticed it, he would not have been able to read it.

BURMESE HIGHWAY

American Ambassador Makes First Trip

London, Jan. 10. The United States Ambassador to China, Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, who is returning to America, drove over the new road from Chukking on the Burmese frontier on the way to Europe, says *The Times*. He was accompanied by the military attache, Major MacHugh, and a Chinese mechanic.

The party left Chukking on December 12 and arrived in Rangoon on December 29, thus covering 2,100 miles in 13 days without a serious delay and without a puncture. Their car was the first private vehicle to traverse the road.

Interviewed in Rangoon, Mr. Johnson pointed out that the entire road was surveyed and built by native labour without a single piece of road-building equipment.—Reuter.

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Spelling Bee

HOW many of these words are correct and what is wrong with the others?

tintinnabulation topnot
tinkling florescent
diacrest diaever
English Oxford Dictionary spellings of these words will be found on page 9.

TRIP FROM CANTON

Journalist's Journey Of Adventures

London, Jan. 10. An adventurous trip from Canton made immediately after the fall of that city, was described to the Hongkong Rotary Club yesterday by Mr. K. Joelson.

The Hon. Dr. Li Shu-fan presided, and welcomed the following guests: Rotarian J. C. Hutchison, Piping; T. C. Yu, Tientsin; J. M. Hansen, Nanking; G. King, Tsingtao; Messrs. F. H. Locaby, F. V. Jensen, C. C. Lim, Dr. D. J. Valentine, R. G. Brown, J. C. Eager, T. J. Chen, H. G. Williams, R. S. Kerr and C. Y. Wu.

New Year greetings were acknowledged from Rotary Clubs at Hornsey, Oldham and Norwich, England, and Omaha, Nebraska.

MISSION TO PRAGUE

Prague, Jan. 10. Sir Herbert Emerson, high commissioner for fugitive questions appointed by the League of Nations, arrived here yesterday in order to discuss with the Czechoslovak authorities as well as with private organisations the problem of the German emigrants living in Czechoslovakia.

The situation of the fugitives from the former Czech territories now held by the Germans was made known to Sir Herbert Emerson will investigate.—Trans-Ocean.

JEWISH REFUGEES

Berlin, Jan. 10. Mr. Rublee, director of the Evian Refugee Committee, arrived here this morning accompanied by two members of the Committee.

"We have come to continue the conversations we had with Dr. Schacht in London," he said. "It is hoped that the talks will facilitate Jewish emigration from Germany with the help of the Reich Government."—Reuter.

FRIEND OF CHINA

Admirers of Roosevelt In Chukking

Robbers En Route

Chungking, Jan. 10. Chinese political circles are paying serious attention to the developments in the American congress, declares the *Ta Kung Pao* to-day, in view of the fact that two topics at present under discussion in America are related to China—the revision of the Neutrality Act and economic reprisals against Japan.

Public opinion in America has progressed much in favour of China in the past year, officials believe, and Mr. Roosevelt's anti-aggression campaign is gaining power in Congress, although it is yet hard to say to what extent it will be successful or, if authorised by Congress, how the President will use his power.

Mr. Roosevelt's latest anti-aggression utterance has gained him many friends in China, declares the newspaper, and Chinese political circles express extreme admiration for his vision.

Reviewing the latest news from the war fronts, the *Ta Kung Pao* declares that in the past, Japan underestimated China, but now is not under-rating it.

The *Shanghai Evening Post* to-day carries a large cartoon showing Uncle Sam looking down from the rear of a large ocean liner at a Filipino saying, "I'll paddle round a bit—but don't cast the line off yet."—United Press.

FATAL SHOT WOUNDS

Sir Charles Corkran Dies In England

London, Jan. 10. Major-General Sir Charles Edward Corkran was found to-day fatally shot

as the result of an accident.

He was the father of Charles Corkran who was kidnapped in China in 1932 together with Mr. McIntosh and Mrs. Pawley.

Sir Charles has been Sergeant-at-Arms in the House of Lords since 1936 and was 68 years old.

Entered the Army in 1903, becoming Captain in 1909, Major in 1907, Lieutenant in 1915, Colonel in 1919 and Major-General in 1921. He served in the South African War of 1900-1902 and in France and Flanders during the European War. He has been Commandant of the Royal Military College from 1923 to 1927 and General Officer Commanding London District from 1928 to 1932 when he went on retired.

Mr. Joelson described a hair-raising experience he had that night when a local chief had him arrested, and accused him of being a spy on the basis of a statement made by his companion. It later transpired that this statement had been extracted from the ex-officer under threat, but, said the speaker, it was touch and go, at one time, whether he would be shot or let free.

Eventually they were freed, and decided to waste no time in getting to Macao. Though the vessels were full, and motor car hire prices were up to \$60 National currency, they succeeded in hiring bicycles and getting to Macao four hours later without further incident.

Rotarian H. Ching thanked the speaker, who had, he said, lived up to the tradition of correspondents carrying on their work despite danger.

PAKHOI TENSION

Aerodrome Built On Weichow Island

Pakhoi, Jan. 10.

The Japanese are building a big aerodrome on Weichow Island, south of Pakhoi. There are about 200 Japanese bluejackets at Weichow, with one aircraft carrier, five warships and over 20 armoured fishing boats concentrated on the island.

Japanese planes raided the adjacent districts last week. On January 5 Japanese planes attacked Pakhoi with machine-guns. Six bombs were dropped, which caused deaths of many civilians.—Wah Kit Yat Po.

JEWS IN TRINIDAD

Growing Influx Causes Much Anxiety

London, Jan. 10.

The growing influx of Jewish emigrants to Trinidad is causing anxiety to the local authorities as 500 Jews have entered Trinidad during the past six months and more are expected.

A meeting of the Executive Council has been called to discuss the question.—Reuter Bulletin.

CANADIAN PLAN

Mr. F. M. Selchen, Jewish editor of the *Daily Star* in Piping, is to call a meeting of Winnipeg Jews to discuss his proposal for the establishment of a co-operative Jewish farm and colony in western Canada.—United Press.

50 YEARS AGO

In consequence of the greater range and power of modern artillery and incendiary fire, memorandum upon the formation of an infantry force for the British War Office. Troops allotted for the attack will, when of sufficient strength, be divided into first, second and third lines. The first line, subdivided into firing line, supports and reserves, will be the main force and is intended eventually to establish itself within a well-directed fire upon the enemy from the moment such fire becomes effective; to push forward as near his position as possible and then to deliver such a heavy fire as will enable the second line to approach the point selected for attack and drive him from it.

Col. Slade, Vice-President of the Small Arms Committee, says that, for the defence, "If the men be steady fire might well be opened at 2,000 yards."

One of the first persons to profit by the telephone which was recently installed in Paris was the King of Portugal, who, as soon as he landed in France, placed himself in telephone communication with his wife, who was then making a stay in Paris. Though the line is 600 miles long—by much the longest so far constructed—it works in all respects as satisfactorily as any of the shorter lines already in existence.

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How Eric Boon Knocked Out D. Crowley: Unexpected End Eleventh Round Punch Swings The Balance

By Harold Lewis

London, Dec. 16. Hundreds of people rushed the ring at Harringay last night, and at least 50 succeeded in fighting their way over Press tables and through the ropes when Eric Boon, 18-year-old blacksmith of Chatteris, Cambridgeshire, won the British lightweight championship by knocking out Dave Crowley, of Clerkenwell, in the 13th round.

Supporters of Boon had come from all parts of the Fen country, and the thrilling climax caused one of the most fervid scenes of excitement and delirious joy seen at a fight for years.

Boon's triumph was both brilliant and, until late in the 11th round, entirely unexpected. He was being steadily and confidently outpointed by his experienced and crafty opponent until a single punch in the 11th round caused a violent swing in the fight.

That punch was a tremendously powerful right hook to the stomach, planted as Boon slipped a left lead and came back with the full force of the shoulder turned into the blow. Crowley, who had been boxing with a speed and mastery which suggested that he could have gone on for twenty-five rounds if need be, collapsed to the floor. The pain expressed in his face showed clearly that he was badly hurt. Crowley rose after seven seconds, and Boon had the good sense and coolness to fight relentlessly to repeat that punch. He succeeded in landing several more heavy body punches before the round was over.

CROWLEY DEFENDS COOLLY

Crowley, however, defended coolly. His weak spot had been exposed—the only time he had ever been knocked out in nine years of boxing was in exactly the same way—but he masked his trouble, and in the twelfth round, when Boon's inexperience led him into some wild swinging for the head, Crowley gradually settled down and started to steal punches again.

For Boon, with only three rounds to go, this was a moment for desperate action. In the 13th round he again whipped in some heavy body punches and then, with Crowley keeping his guard down, Boon slashed him with right and left to the jaw.

It took Crowley eight seconds to get up, and then, after a few more punches, as Crowley was falling into the ropes, Boon turned swiftly and chopped him to the jaw with a clean and crisp a right-hand punch as one would ever wish to see.

That punch finished the fight. It was delivered at great speed on a difficult target—the sort of punch which Carpenter made famous when he knocked out George Cook.

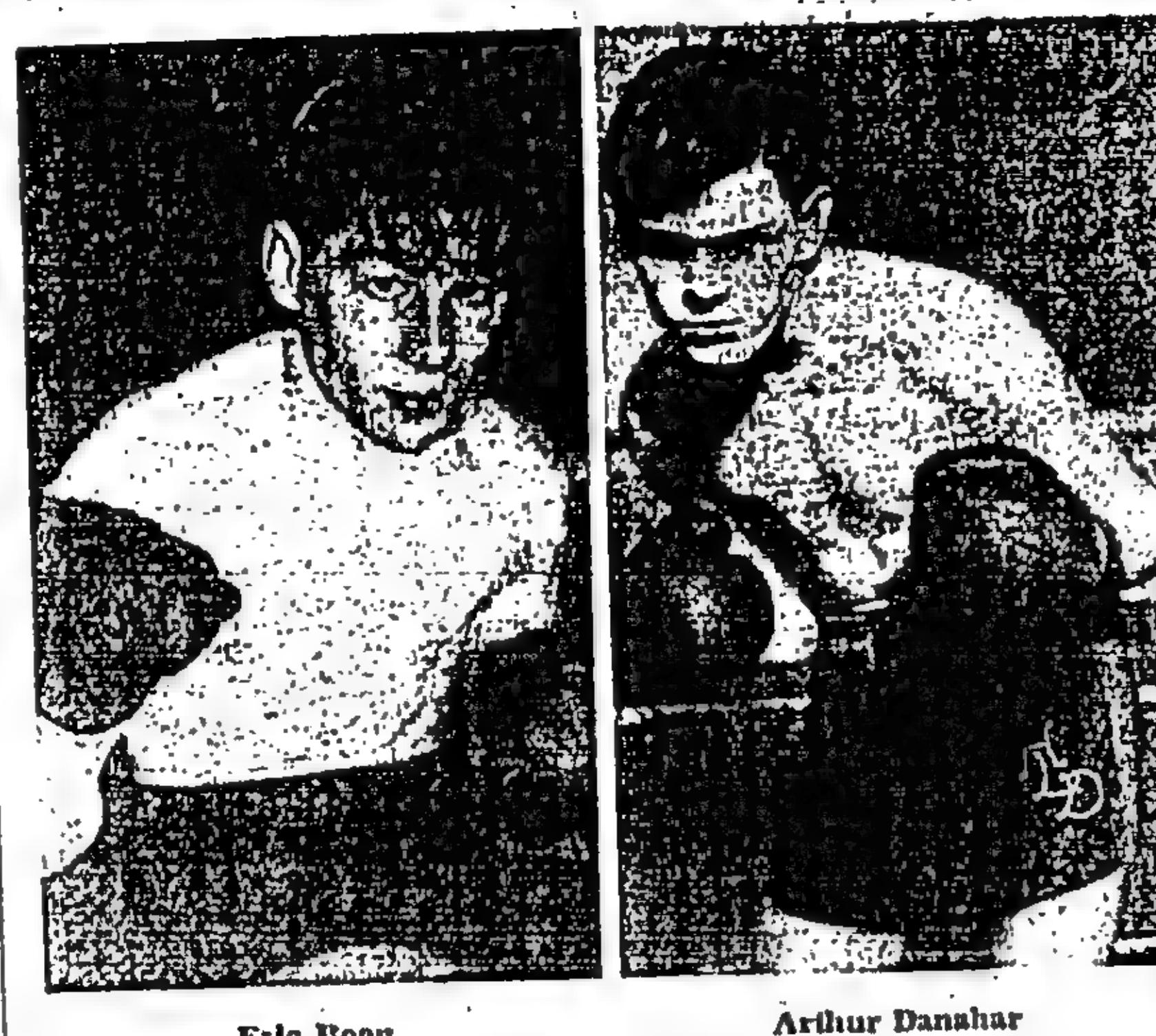
LIMBS PARALYSED

Crowley recovered consciousness well within the 10 seconds. But his limbs were paralysed. He was unable to move and had to be carried to his corner.

Then the pandemonium started. Apparently Boon had several thousand friends in the hall, and they all wanted bodily to shake him by the hand.

One must give Boon every credit for this victory, belated though the real turning point was. Within a minute of the start of the fight, as the two men rushed at each other, Crowley's head came into collision with Boon's face, and a swelling appeared at once, high up on the cheek-bone, below the left eye.

It was a pure accident, of course, but a most unlucky one for Boon. It meant that he had to defend that swelling, have it pinched and massaged during the intervals, and that



Here And There With "Abe"

Two Young Boxers To Be Brought Together Soon

WITH such a shortage of really promising material in the British boxing world, it was inevitable that two such promising youngsters and sure-drawing cards as Eric Boon and Arthur Danahar would be brought together sooner or later. There are those who feel that for the sake of British boxing, they should be kept away from each other for at least another year. But since Eric Boon knocked out Dave Crowley to win the British lightweight championship, the clamour for a meeting of the two youngsters has become even louder, and it is probably to satisfy public demand that the two have been matched. They will meet at Harringay on February 23 and Boon's title will be at stake. Len Harvey, the British heavyweight champion, and one of the most astute figures in the British ring, recently declared: "I would fight him in his back garden providing it was at 8st. 8lb."

Arrangements fell through when the R.A.O.C. met the University on the latter's ground in the Hongkong Hockey Association Tournament, and after a hard match the Ordnance managed to take both points when L/Sgt. Lang netted the only goal of the match late in the second half.

The Ordnance were well served by Cpt. Tracey at inside left, Sgt. Evans and Sgt. Drake at half back, and Pte. Locke was the best back on view.

The first half was very even but the Ordnance assumed superiority in the second stanza and the University keeper was very busy. The Ordnance were unlucky not to take the lead when a fine shot by Cpt. Tracey went only inches wide of the post with the keeper well beaten.

A few minutes later the Ordnance went ahead when Sgt. Lang, receiving a pass from Cpt. Tracey, scored with a well-placed shot.

The University rallied and attacked hotly but the Ordnance defence held out.

Eric Boon's Career

KNOWN as "Sonny" to his friends and to the 5,000 inhabitants of his native Cambridgeshire village of Chatteris, blue-eyed, ruddy complexioned Boon has been fighting for six years. At the age of 12 he was beating boys much older than himself. Before he was 16, he had fought 40 times and won mostly on knock-outs. Until last year he continued working in his father's forge, whence he reckoned he got his powerful punch. The crowning achievement of his career, of course, was his victory over Dave Crowley last month in a lightweight championship bout. He was being led on points when his powerful punch came out once again and knocked out Crowley.

Danahar's Career

A dark-haired, grim-looking cockney from East London's Bethnal Green attracted the eye last year of John Harding, National Sporting Club secretary. Son of a professional fist-slinger of early post-war years, Arthur Danahar had a normal upbringing in a school upbringings. When he was 17 he started as a lightweight under the amateur code. Young Danahar quickly won the Amateur Lightweight title of Great Britain, and last February was taken up by the N.S.C. Father Danahar applied to the British Boxing Board of Control for a second's licence, but the Board was slow in replying, and he watched his son's first few money-making efforts from a seat in the Press row of the Earls Court Stadium. Arthur's first big professional performance was to stop Boyo Rees in March. Since then he has gone on undefeated. Last November he took only one round to best tough Welshman Douglas Kestrell, unopposed in 300 fights. Apart from the fact that he has an attribute rare in Englishmen to-day—a wallop—Arthur

FAIRER CONDITIONS FOR RYDER CUP GOLF NOW ARRANGED

London, Dec. 10.

Here is great golf news. An agreement has been reached between our Professional Golfers' Association and their opposite number in America that in future the Ryder Cup tournament, staged every two years, shall be played in time and place to the choice of the visiting team, so far as this can be arranged.

As a start, when our men go across in 1939 to play in the United States, they will probably play in October or November, in either Florida or California.

This will be greeted with cheers from former players, for some British Ryder Cup men can recall having to play this match in mid-summer south of the Mason-Dixon line, when Negroes were dying of the heat, spectators at the match fainted, and our men played against medical advice and under the watchful eye of doctors. That, obviously, was not golf.

A REAL TEST

Similarly, the Americans have complained over here that they have been forced to play in a gale and blinding rain, to which they are not accustomed. Each side undoubtedly had a grievance, and the desire to make this great annual match a real test of golf is all to the good.

Next year's arrangement means a good deal more to our men. It means that they will have the chance after the Ryder Cup match of playing on the winter circuit of tournaments, which offers about £10,000 in prize money.

So now, please, no more grousing from beaten players; no more mortifying slanging matches by teams on their return home. The last packet was getting serious.

TWO GAMES PLAYED IN F.A. CUP

London, Jan. 10.

Two of the postponed matches in the Third Round of the F.A. Cup were decided to-day, the results being as follows:

Southport 1 Doncaster 1
Grimsby 0 Tranmere 0

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (FIRST DIVISION)

Clyde 3 St. Johnstone 1
Reuter 0

feels the time has now come for him to step on the gas a bit.

He went twice as quickly as Edrich at the beginning of the innings of tea time, giving the bat plenty of back-lift and not checking the follow-through in his drives. Perhaps he feels now established in top-class cricket and sure of himself.



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BRITISH TRADE IN THE FAR EAST

LONDON.

MEMBERS of Parliament are still devoting a great deal of attention to British Trade in the Far East and there were numerous questions relating to various aspects of British commercial interests in China asked in the House of Commons on December 21.

Mr. Price asked the Prime Minister whether in view of Japanese discrimination against British and United States trade in China, he will consult with the United States about retaliatory measures against Japanese trade which may be jointly undertaken by the two Governments?

Mr. Butler: I would refer the hon. Member to the reply given by the Prime Minister on 21 November to the hon. Member for Kingswinford (Mr. A. Henderson) that His Majesty's Government are prepared at all times to maintain close touch with the United States Government in matters of common concern to both countries.

Mr. Price: Is the hon. Gentleman aware that there is a strong feeling in the United States at present against discrimination by Japan against American trade in China, and is not this particularly a time when close relations should be maintained with the United States on this matter?

Mr. Butler: I believe what the hon. Member says to be true.

Mr. A. Henderson: Are the Government maintaining close relations with the United States?

Mr. Butler: The hon. Member will recall that in a previous answer, I indicated that that was the case.

Mr. Crossley asked the Prime Minister what has been the result of his inquiries into the case in which Japanese soldiers entered the Company at Canton, and seized motor cars and accessories on the premises in spite of the British consular seals having been placed on the buildings?

Mr. Butler: I expect my hon. Friend is referring to Messrs. Wallace Harper and Company, Limited. Although this company is registered as British, a substantial block of shares is at present in foreign non-Chinese hands. My Noble Friend has enquired for details additional to those already received with a view to deciding whether any further action is called for beyond the representations already made by His Majesty's Consul-General at Canton.

Mr. Morling asked the Prime Minister whether British engineers are yet permitted to inspect the Shanghai-Nanking Railway; in what currency the revenue is being collected on the Shanghai-Nanking, the Shanghai-Hangchow, and the Piping-Mukden railways; and what provision has been made to secure payment of interest to the British bond-holders in these railways?

Mr. Butler: As I informed my hon. Friend on 21st November, the Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs indicated last September that inspection of the Shanghai-Nanking line could not be allowed for military reasons. In a note dated 8th December addressed to His Majesty's Ambassador at Tokyo it was stated that no change whatever had occurred in the last three months which would render a survey possible. On the Shanghai-Nanking and Shanghai-Hangchow railways

Britain Has 150,000 "Conchies"

Since Canon Dick Sheppard died in October 1937, the membership of his Peace Pledge Union has grown to 150,000.

Nearly 1,000 people, including many ex-Army officers, joined during October of this year.

"Membership is increasing steadily at a rate of between 800 and 900 a month," an official of the Union said. "Some on taking the pledge have resigned from their A.A.R. work and from civil employment which entails preparation for war. Some feel they are being true to their pledge to renounce war and work for peace, while still helping in air raid precautions.

"Some of our members are going out to the refugee camps in Czechoslovakia."

The revenues are collected in Japanese yen and Japanese military yen notes. On the Piping-Mukden Railway Federal Reserve Bank currency is in general use, except on the Manchurian section, where Manchurian currency is used. Interest on the Piping-Mukden Railway Loan has been paid up to date.

My Noble Friend is in communication with His Majesty's Ambassador at Tokyo on the subject of the other obligations secured on these railways.

Mr. Morling: Will the hon. Gentleman reply to the first part of the question? Are His Majesty's Government really satisfied with these continual excesses put forward by the Japanese authorities in connection with the inspection of the Shanghai and Nanking Railway? It is some months since I first raised the question, and I feel that some protest ought to be made.

Mr. Butler: I appreciate the anxiety of the hon. Member, which is shared by His Majesty's Government. The Japanese Government have declared that the same military reasons which made inspection difficult before make it equally difficult now.

Mr. Mander: Will the hon. Gentleman bear in mind that all of us on these benches have just the same feeling of anxiety?

Mr. Crewder asked the Prime Minister whether his attention has been drawn to the delays to British shipping at Chefoo occasioned by the granting of the monopoly of lighter transport by the Japanese authorities; and what action he is taking in the matter?

Mr. Butler: My Noble Friend has no recent official reports on the subject. Representations have been made to the Japanese Government on the general question of discrimination against British shipping in North China ports, including Chefoo.



These members of about 30 old-age pensioners go into a huddle before their march in London from St. Paul's Cathedral to the House of Commons. They demanded an increase in their present old-age pension of at least one pound a week. Rising cost in London of rent, clothing and food was given as the reason.

German's New Public Hate No. 1

HERR HIMMLER, head of the Nazi secret police, is now spoken of in Germany as Public Hatred No. 1. Within the last few weeks he has eclipsed Dr. Goebbels, Minister of Propaganda, in unpopularity.

Many Germans, in letters recently to friends in England, have expressed much franker views on the present Nazi regime than they did a year ago.

Himmler is generally hated because of his ruthless cruelty, especially to the Jews. Dr. Goebbels is treated with derision.

There is now no doubt in the minds of all Germans that Hitler signed the order for the Jewish pogrom, although for a time it was believed that the Nazi leaders had acted without Hitler's authority.

ABUSE FOR U.S.

Although one important German newspaper continues to accuse the British "war inciters" with upsetting Mr. Chamberlain's peace policy, the German newspapers generally attack America for having "torpedoed" the Christmas peace.

President Roosevelt, Mr. E. I. du Pont de Nemours, Senator Pittman, Mayor La Guardia

"And So This Is England"

SOUTHAMPTON.

Four veteran soldiers—all bachelors—arrived here recently from India, after serving abroad for 19 years. Their first glimpse of England was Southampton's snow-covered docks.

They came home with the 1st Battalion, the King's Shropshire Light Infantry, in the troopship Neurulina.

The four bachelors found life so pleasant in India that they refused to take the home leave which came along during their service.

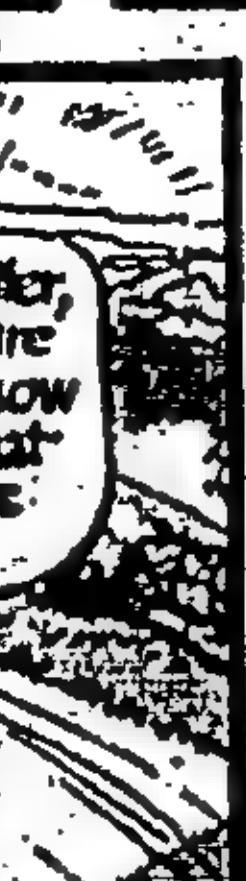
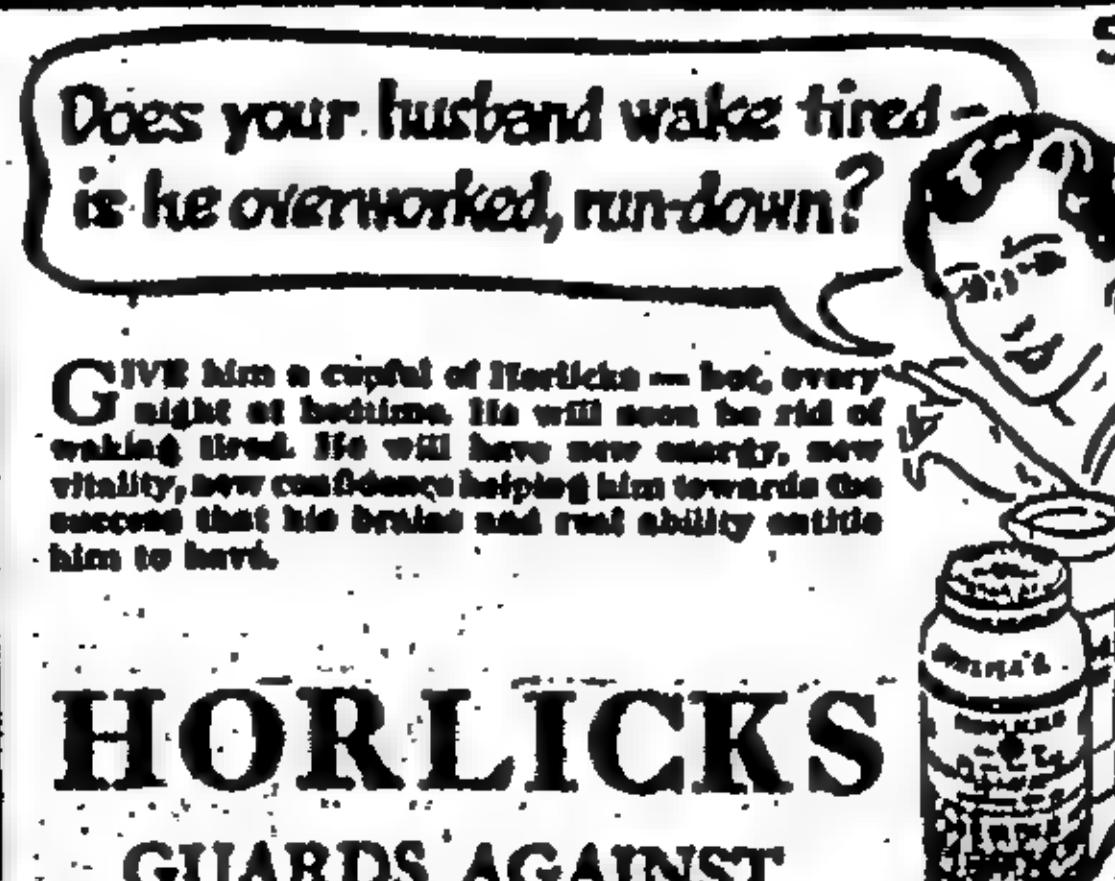
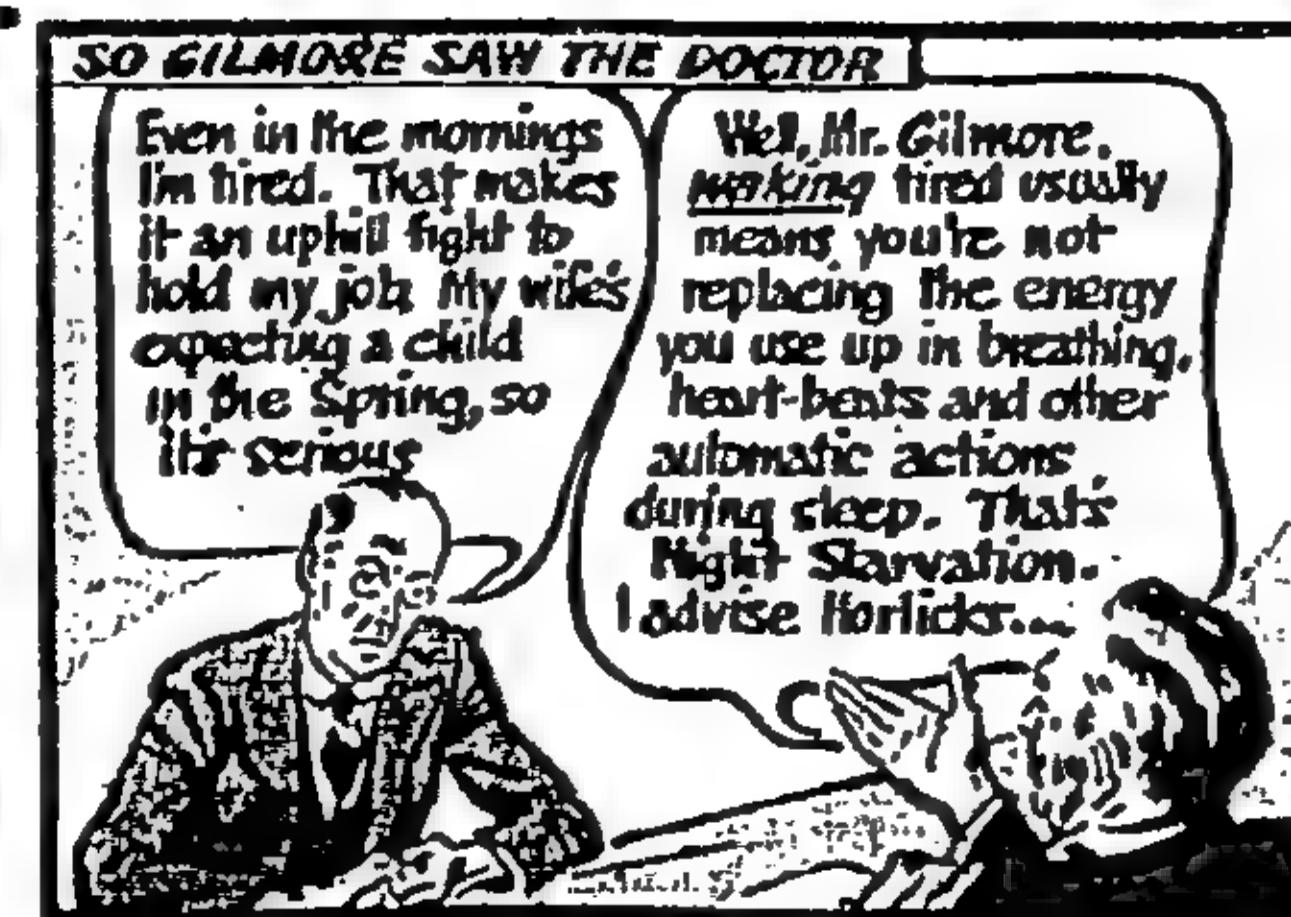
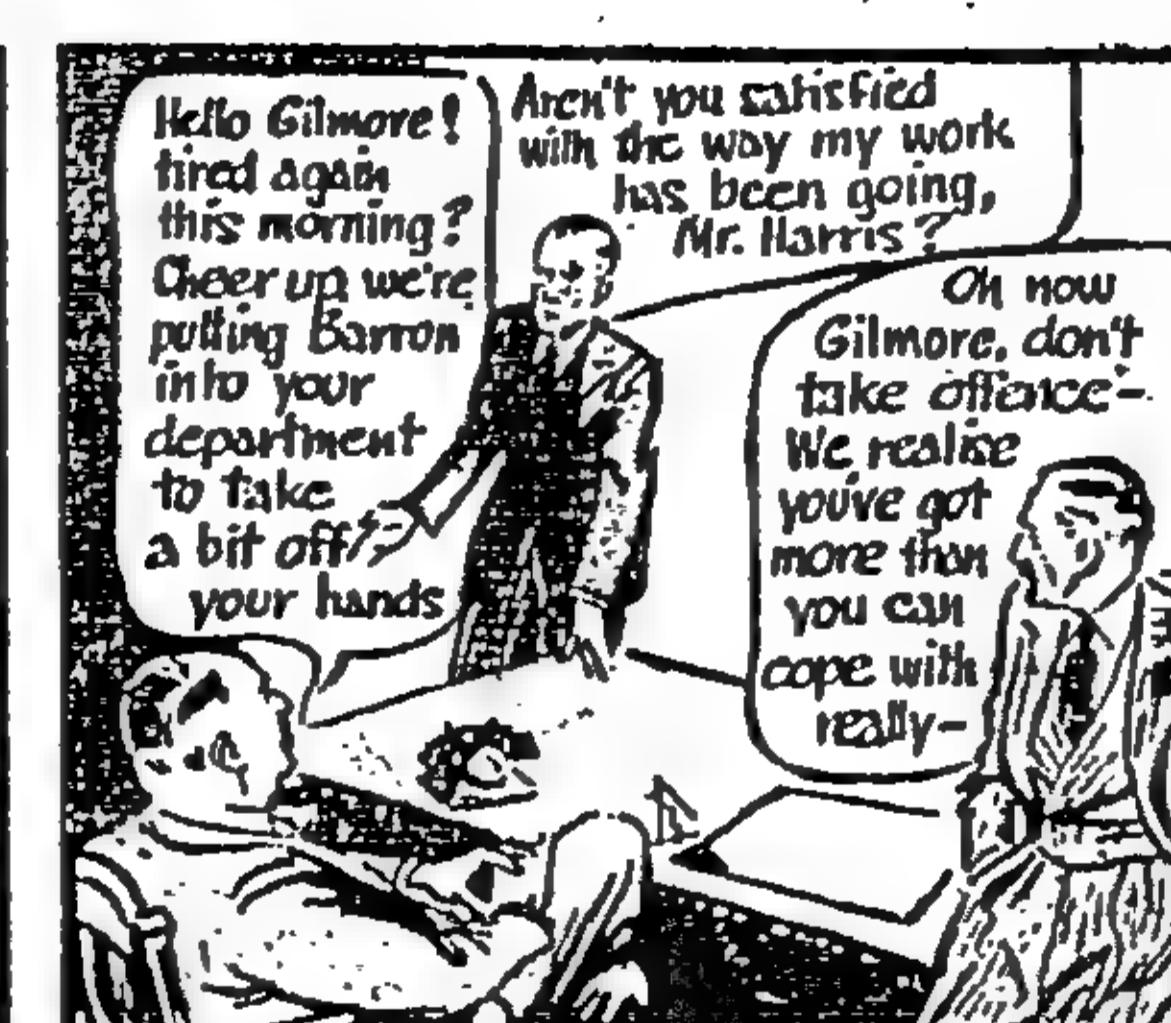
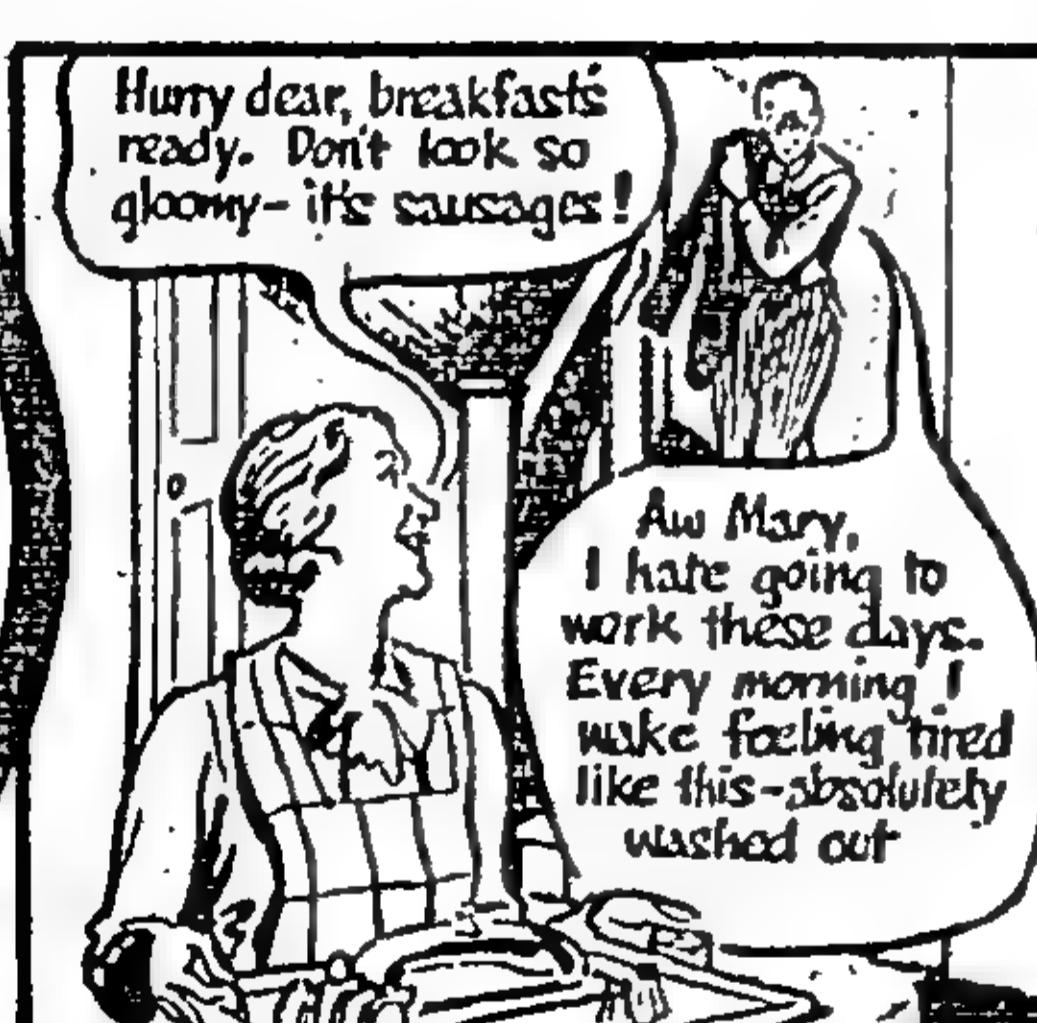
They are Sergeant H. Tomkins, Lance-Sergeant F. Bryant, Private J. Bailey and Lance-Corporal G. Turner.

Most pleasant man in the battalion is Sergeant Tomkins, who weighs 17 stone and won fame in India as a big game hunter.

But what a contrast is England from India say the four.

and other American personalities have replaced Mr. Eden, Mr. Duff Cooper and Mr. Winston Churchill as the chief targets of the attacks.

"The aim and background of such raving actions," they declare, "is to distract the attention of the American people from the failure of the dollar diplomacy at Lima."



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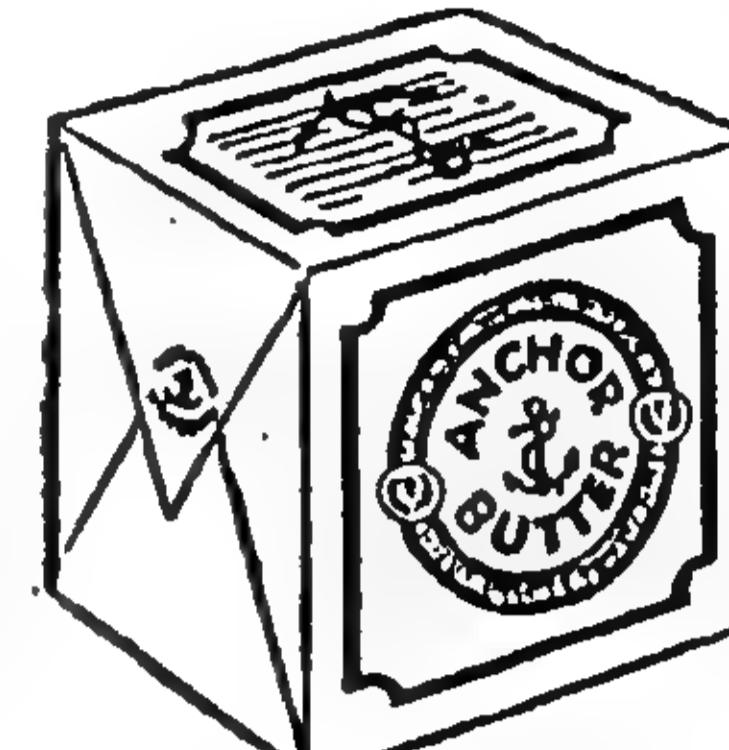
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STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 3:30 p.m. yesterday, says:

A fair number of Trams and China Lights were absorbed at quotations, but the rest of the market was neglected, such sales as have been reported being on the small side.

Buyers

Hongkong Bank \$1,410
Union Insurance \$470
Doughy \$400
H. & D. (New) \$171
Humphreys \$835
H.K. Railways \$345
China Lights \$1010
Macau Electric \$171
Telephones (Old) \$214
Dairy Farms \$210
Entertainments \$100
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H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan par
Ewo. Rtu. Sh. \$2.10
Hongkong Bank \$1,420
China Underwriters \$870
H.K. Docks \$103
Providents (Old) \$840
Gumus P. cum rts. \$970
Watson's \$13
Constructions \$13
Maritime (U.K.) \$7
China Lights rts. \$60
Honekong Bank \$1,410/121
H.K. Tramways \$171
Macau Electric \$171
Telephones (Old) \$2234
Ewo. Rtu. H.K. \$1.15
China Lights rts. \$3.55
Antamaks P. \$3

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The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation

The Directors of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation announce that, subject to audit, the dividend for the half year ending 31st December, 1938 will be:

Dividend £3 per share.
Write off Bank Premises £1,000.

And carry forward to next year about \$3,400,600.

FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN.

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The series was written by Miss Elsa Maxwell, fifty-seven-year-old American authoress.

The countess is now separated from her husband.

Countess Barbara Article Banned

Count Haugwitz-Reventlow, objecting to an article in the December issue of the American magazine Cosmopolitan—one of a series entitled "The Truth about Barbara Hutton"—has secured the withdrawal of the issue in Britain.

The magazine is distributed in Britain by the National Magazine Co. and W. H. Smith and Son, Ltd.

Miss A. M. Head, managing director of the National Magazine Co., said: "We got a writ a week ago from the count's solicitors and then, at a hearing in chambers at the High Court, we freely gave an undertaking to withdraw the issue."

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H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning:

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H.K. Bankers, \$ 1,430 b.
H.K. Banks, £ 18 s.
Chartered £ 194 n.
Mercantile, A. & B. £ 274 n.
Mercantile, C. £ 13 n.
East Asia \$ 10 s.

INSURANCES

Canary \$ 200 b.
Union \$ 470 b.
China Underwriters, etc. 10 s.
H.K. Fire \$ 178 b.

SHIPPING

Douglas \$ 64 b.
Steamships \$ 18 s.
Indo-Chinas, P. \$ 55 n.
Indo-Chinas, D. \$ 24 n.
Shell Bearers \$—ex-div. 81/104 n.
Waterboats \$ 9 n.

DOCKS ETC.

Wharves \$ 116 n.
Docks (old) \$ 193 s.
Docks (new) \$ 173 s.
Providents (old) \$ 26 s.
Providents (new) \$ 16 n.
New Eng. Sh. \$ 60 n.
Sha. Docks, Sh. \$ 100 n.

MINING

Kailan \$ 176 n.
Raubs \$ 935 n.
Venz. Goldfield \$ 3 n.
Hongkong Mines, etc. 71/2 n.
Antamaks P. 53 s.

Atoks P. 33 s.

Bugao Gold P. 25 s.
Binguet Com. P. 14,000 s.
Coco Grove P. 52 s.
Com. Mines P. 1,003 s.
Demonstrations P. 20/2 s.
I.K.L. P. 64 s.

Gumus P. 1,80 s.

Sun Mauricio P. 21 1/2 s.
Suoye Consol. P. 69 s.

LANDS

Hotels \$ 7,10 s.
Lands 37 b.
Lands 4% deb. \$ 107 1/2 n.
Shai Lands Sh. \$ 9,40 n.
Humphreys \$ 84 1/2 s.
H.K. Railways \$ 5,65 s.
Chinese Estates \$ 90 n.

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Tram \$ 17,60 s.
Peak Trams (old) \$ 8 n.
Peak Trams (new) \$ 4 n.
Star Ferries \$ 72 1/2 s.
Y. Ferries (old) \$ 22 1/2 s.
Y. Ferries (new) \$ 22 n.
China Light (cum. rts.) 970 s.
China Light (ex. rts.) 9,00 n.
H.K. Electric \$ 573 b.
Macau Electric \$ 174 1/2 b.
Sandakan Light \$ 10 b.
Telephones (old) \$ 23 1/2 s.
Telephone (new) \$ 16,60 n.
Tractions \$ 21/3 n.
H.K. Pres. P. 25/— s.

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Caid: Mueg. (ord.) Sh. \$ 14 n.
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STORES, &c.

Dairy Farms \$ 24,90 s.
Watson's \$ 8,20 s.
Lane Crawfords \$ 8 n.
Singers \$ 2 n.
Wing On (H.K.) \$ 36 n.
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Ewo. Cotton (c. rts.) Sh. \$10,30 n.
Shai Cotton Sh. \$ 100 n.
Zoong Sings, Sh. \$ 24 n.
Wing On Textiles Sh. \$ 40 n.

MISC.

H.K. Entertainments \$ 7 b.
Constructions \$ 13 1/2 s.
Vibro Piling \$ 6,60 n.
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H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 65 p.m.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% 58 p.m.
Marsmans (H.K.), \$/— 355 s.
Marsmans (H.K.), \$/— 37 s.

ROME PREPARATIONS

Rome, Jan. 10. On the eve of the arrival of Mr. Chamberlain and Viscount Halifax, final preparations are being made in the Italian capital for a festive reception of the English guests.

The vast hall of the Central Railway Station is covered with English and Italian flags, and decorated with flowers.

The surroundings of the station are affording a similarly gay view, with an abundant display of flags.

A stand has been erected just in front of the station to give the British colony an opportunity of greeting the statesmen of their country.

After the arrival of the guests at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, the guests will drive to the Villa Madama, where they will stay during the visit.

At 5:45 p.m. Mr. Chamberlain and Viscount Halifax will enter their names in the visitors' book at Quirinal Palace, after which they will have their first conversation with Signor Mussolini, who, at 9 o'clock gives a banquet and reception at the Palazzo Venezia.

The extraordinary importance attached to the visit is indicated by the fact that 50 English newspaper correspondents have arrived, and similarly numerous newspapermen are expected from other countries.

Trans-Ocean.

Chamberlain Departs For Visit To Rome

FIVE-POINT PROGRAMME

LONDON, Jan. 10.

THE DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT of the London "Daily Telegraph & Morning Post" states that Mr. Neville Chamberlain is proceeding to Rome with no special object except to restore peace in Europe.

The subjects he will probably discuss with Signor Mussolini will be:

1.—Spain, with special reference to the continuation of Italian and German intervention.

2.—Italy's claim against France. Mr. Chamberlain will probably point out that any Italian territorial aggrandisement will be contrary to the Anglo-Italian Agreement.

3.—Jewry.

4.—General aspects of peace in Europe.

5.—Economic questions.

ARRIVAL IN PARIS

Paris, Jan. 10.

ALTHOUGH IT is known that when Mr. Chamberlain returns from Rome, a re-shuffle of portfolio in the British Cabinet is planned, no reliable information as to what changes will be made, is yet available.

It is, however, confidently asserted that the post of Secretary to the Dominions, which became vacant through the death of Lord Stanley, since when it has been administered by Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, in addition to the Colonial Office, will again have a separate Minister.

In support of this, it is pointed out that Mr. MacDonald is at present fully occupied at the Colonial Office, particularly in connection with the tasks arising out of the Palestine question.

A communiqué issued regarding the talks stated: "The general identity of views previously reached between the two governments was fully confirmed."

It is believed that M. Daladier and Mr. Bonnet took the initiative in the conversations, stating their viewpoint with regard to the Italian claims, and the British Ministers were in entire agreement.

The whole situation was reviewed in the light of decisions already taken. The British Ministers gave an outline of what they would say in Rome, and the French were in complete accord.

It is gathered in political circles in Paris that the British Ministers have gone to Rome without the intention of making any particular declaration, but rather to listen to the Italian viewpoint, the details of which remain a very close secret, but if the Italian should ask the British Ministers advice they will point out the various steps which they could usefully take. Firstly, in order to ease the situation in the Mediterranean it is very desirable that the Italians should completely withdraw the troops from Spain.

Secondly, if they desire to straighten out matters with France, the Italian should approach France directly, calling on their press campaign and agitation. It is always possible that they might then obtain, for example the conversion of Dijonville into a free port.

Political circles believe that "nothing for nothing" will be the maximum of the Rome talks.

ROME PREPARATIONS

Rome, Jan. 10.

NANCY



INTRICATE BUT UNPROGRESSIVE SOCCER

Scots Did More With One Kick Than Hungary With Five

Says Charles Buchan

Scotland 3 Hungary 1

London, Dec. 8. Despite the loss of Black, their inside-left, Scotland had little difficulty in disposing of the challenge of Hungary. In fact, it would probably have been a better game if Scotland had started with ten men.

When Black left the field Scotland ball. Before they brought it under control the Scottish defenders smothered their efforts.

NOT SCOTLAND'S BEST

It was the same in midfield. The Hungarians used the ball discreetly, but they took too long about it. By the time they had finished a movement, quite pleasing to watch, the Scottish defenders were at their post ready for the final onslaught.

The Hungarians played what I call mechanical football. I could usually tell where they would place the ball long before the pass was made.

On one occasion the ball went from the right to the left of the field, all five forwards touching it, but not a yard of ground had been made. Another time Titkos and Csch Inter-changed passes five times, yet they finished in the same place! The Scots were more effective with one kick than the Hungarians were with five.

And Scotland were not a good side. The selectors will have to put on their thinking caps before they select the team to meet England at Huddersfield Park next April.

McSPADYEN A SUCCESS

Shankly took the honours in a moderate Scottish half-back line. He infused a lot of energy into his play and used the ball discreetly. Symon was terribly slow, and Szabo rather easily beaten by the clever moves of

Doctor Sarosi. The Hungarian centre-forward, who usually took the ball and Baxter out to the flanks before delivering a through pass to Csch. He succeeded with the move several times, but Csch had not a shot, never mind a goal, in his locker.

In attack McSpadyen, the substitute for Delaney, carried off the honours. He was fast, beat his man with consummate ease, and placed his centres well—an International for some time to come unless I am greatly mistaken.

McCulloch had few chances until the closing minutes. Then he rather marred his chances of further honours by shooting wide twice when he had all the time in the world to place the ball in the net.

THREE "GIFT" GOALS

It was unlucky for the Hungarian rear-guard that they practically gave away the three goals—the first from a penalty and the others came through goalkeeping errors—for defence was the best part of the team. Szabo partially atoned with many brilliant saves, while the sturdy, impetuous Black had no superior.

After Walker had failed with a simple chance, Scotland took the lead in the eighteenth minute by means of a penalty. Black was going through when he was brought down uncertainly and Walker scored from the penalty spot.

BLACK'S INJURY

Then in the space of two minutes came two further blows for the Hungarians. First, Szabo sent a weak clearance to Black, who from 20 yards put the ball quickly into the net before the goalkeeper had got back. Secondly, both Koranyi and Szabo chased a long cross from Symon, only to see the ball strike the full-back and fall at Gillick's feet. The outside-left took the proffered gift.

Though the Hungarians often looked dangerous in the second half, they could only score from a penalty. Beattie was adjudged to have handled a centre from Titkos, and Sorosi beat Dawson from the spot.

Scotland: Dawson (Rangers); Anderson (Tottenham); Walker (Sunny Rangers); McCulloch (Derby); Black (Huddersfield); Gillick (Portsmouth).

Hungary: Szabo, Koranyi, Biro, Pogler, Turay, Dudas; Titkos, Csch, Sarosi, Toldi, Gyulay.



LEADING SOCCER SCORERS

LAWTON STILL IN FRONT

London, Dec. 21. Lawton, of Everton, still leads the goal scorers in the Football League with 18 successful shots. Next are Fenton (Middlesbrough) and Clarke (Blackburn) with 17 each.

Division I

Buchan (Everton) 10 Yorston (Blackpool) 9 Penton (Middlesbrough) 17 Carter (Sunderland) 8 Howe (Grimbsy) 13 Brown (Charlton) 8 O'Donnell (Aston V.) 11 Steele (Stoke) 8 White (Derby) 11 McCullouch (Derby) 11 Hansen (Chelsea) 7 Stevenson (Everton) 7 Tadman (Cheltenham) 7 Egan (Liverpool) 7 Hunt (Bolton) 7 Nieuwenhuys (Liverpool) 7 Taylor (Liverpool) 7 Price (Huddersfield) 7 Westcott (Wolves) 7 City 11 for Blackpool. *5 for Manchester City. 11 for Blackpool. 11 for Brentford.

Division II

Clarke (Blackburn) 17 Brook (Manchester C.) 8 Cairns (Newcastle) 10 Head (W. Brom.) 8 Hunt (Sheffield) 10 Hall (A.) 7 Tatham (W.) 10 Lyon (Chesterfield) 14 Lager (Coventry) 8 Weddle (Blackburn) 8 Macaulay (W. Ham.) 12 Smith (Bradford) 8 Dodd (Sheffield) 12 Bamford (Swan. U.) 7 Crawshaw (see) 7 Bookie (Fullham) 11 Nottin. (F.) 7 Herds (Middlesbrough) 10 Hall (W.) 7 Hulbert (Plym.) 11 Manders (Norwich) 7 Billington (Luton) 10 Milcom (Man. C.) 7 Clarke (W. Bromwich) 9 Mooney (Newcastle) 7 Burgh (W. Brom.) 9 Butt (Blackburn) 7 Bringe (Southampton) 9 Clayton (Burnley) 7 Walsh (Millwall) 11 Clinton (Newcastle) 7 Barker (Millwall) 8 Ormandy (Ibury) 7 Doherty (Mann. C.) 7 Lewis (Bradford) 8 Chester (C.) 7

Division III—(South)

Cheetham (Q.P.R.) 15 Hurst (Brighton) 7 Morton (Swindon) 14 Nolan (P. Vale) 7 Collins (Cardiff) 13 Roberts (P. Vale) 7 McPhie (Reading) 11 Bott (Q.P.R.) 0 Haycox (Torquay) 10 King (N. Wmton) 6 Ray (Aldershot) 8 Egas (Aldershot) 6 Dutton (Mansfield) 8 Bowl (Exeter) 6 Stephen (Bristol) 8 Fisher (Exeter) 0 Langley (Boscombe) 8 Williams (Clapton O.) 6 Dawes, A. (C. Palace) 8 Peters (Bristol C.) 6 Smirke (Southend) 8 Gregory (Palace) 6 Dunderdale (W. M.) 8 Derrick (Newport) 6 Bambach (W. M.) 7 Tait (Reading) 7

Division III—(North)

Prendegast (Chester) 16 Claro (Lincoln) 9 Bramham (Rotherham) 16 King (Barrow) 9 Asquith (Burns.) 16 Keeley (Doncas.) 9

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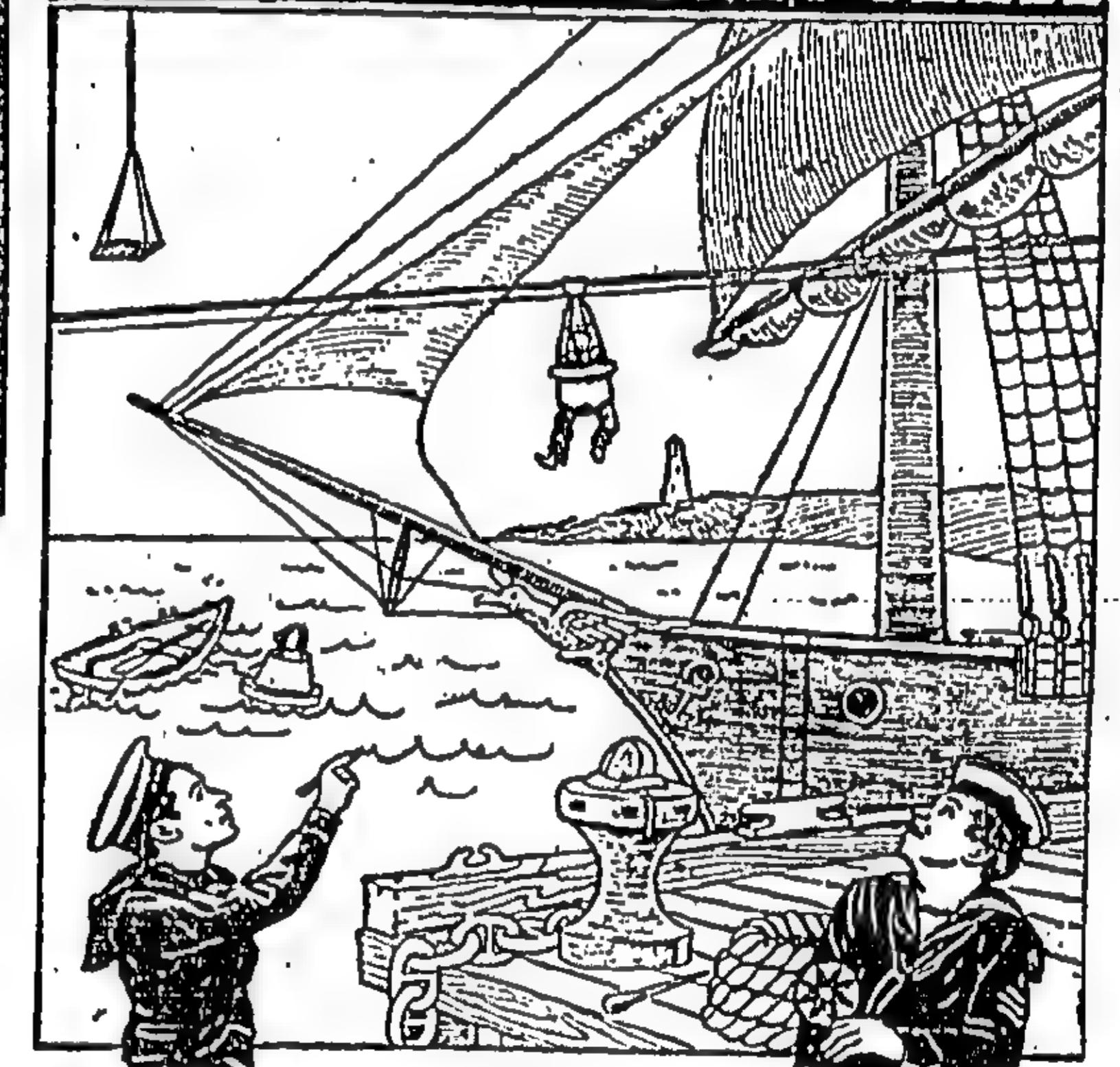
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The photographer caught George Goncharoff instructing Ellen Ford in a pose during rehearsals.—Jaffer.



These small pupils at the Goncharoff School of Dance are taking a lively interest in the rehearsals for the forthcoming ballet "Sleeping Beauty".—Jaffer.



Peggy Scotcher ties her ballet shoes during a rehearsal hour at the Goncharoff School of Dance.—Jaffer.



Long hours of practice are needed to perfect this beautiful pose as demonstrated above by Peggy Scotcher.—Jaffer.



Goncharoff pupils with their ballet master posing for a final group during rehearsals. They will present the ballet "Sleeping Beauty" at the King's Theatre on February 2.—Jaffer.



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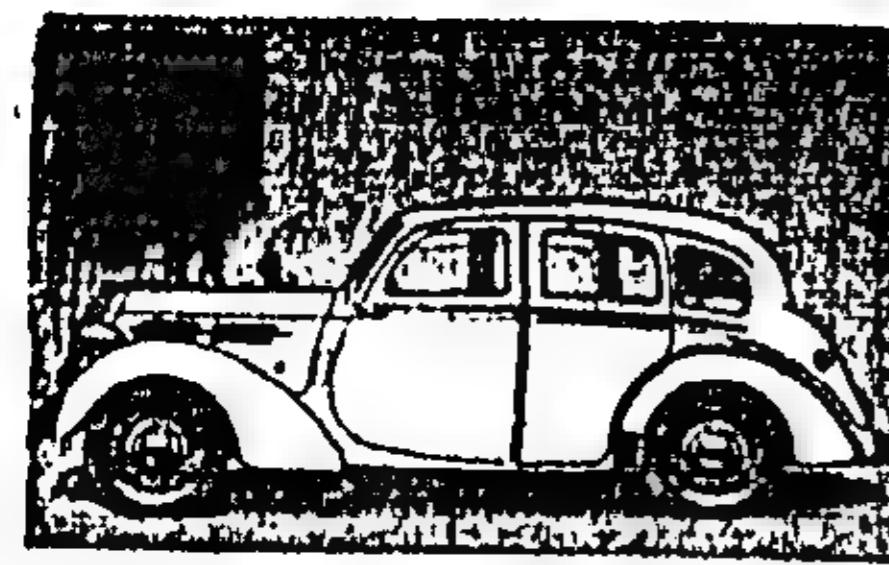
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SHEKLUNG RE-CAPTURED IN NEW CHINESE OFFENSIVES

INVADERS IN FULL FLIGHT IN SHANSI

SHEKLUNG, IMPORTANT RAILWAY CENTRE ON THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY, HAS BEEN RE-CAPTURED BY THE CHINESE, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION REACHING HONGKONG THIS MORNING.

The recapture of the railway station, which is at the junction of the railway and the East River, was effected after one of the most bitter battles yet witnessed in Kwangtung.

Sheklung station is about a mile from Sheklung city, which is the next Chinese objective.

The recapture of the station entirely clears Japanese forces from the Kowloon-Canton Railway south of the East River.

In addition to the mobile unit which effected the capture of the railway station, another Chinese unit is stated to be pushing on the city from Lukuan and Hanam.

In Tungku, a Japanese-occupied town south-west of Sheklung, guerrilla bands have reached the west and east gates.

Japanese Smashed In New Shansi Offensive

Glen Line To Seek "Blue Riband"

GLEN LINE SHIPS, the Breconshire and the Glenorchy, now nearing completion at Taikoo dock, are part of a fleet of eight new fast cargo liners built at a cost of £2,000,000 for the service from the United Kingdom to Japan.

All the new ships, capable of 18 knots cruising speed, will, it is hoped, be in service before the middle of this year.

They will cut the present time of the Glen Line ships from London to Hongkong from one month and four days to less than a month.

The ships will call at Port Said and Penang on the way out and will be the fastest vessels to Hongkong, regardless of the fact they are freight vessels.

Each of the ships will have accommodation for dozen passengers in first class cabins. Five of the vessels are being built in the United Kingdom and the other on the Continent.

LAUNCH IN FEBRUARY

The Hongkong-built Breconshire will be launched on February 3, and the Glenorchy will take the slipway two months later.

The first ship will leave Yokohama on September 22 on its maiden scheduled voyage.

The names of the other ships are Glenearn, Glenroy, Denbighshire, Glenyle, and Glenrathy.

They will be five knots faster than the present ships in the company's service.

TERRITORIAL STRENGTH

London, Jan. 10. The Territorial Army strength at the beginning of the year was 240,000 officers and men, which brings it above the strength of the regular army before the Great War.

The revised establishment of the Territorial Army is now 224,000.—Reuter.

POOR GIRL—RICH GIRL Canadian Telephonist's £1,600,000

NEW YORK, Jan. 10. MRS. ANNIE LAURINE McDONALD DODGE, who last year was a Canadian telephone girl earning £200 a year, will receive approximately £1,600,000 as her share in the estate of her late husband, Danny Dodge.

Mrs. Dodge is 19. Her husband, who was heir to the Dodge motor-car millions, was injured in a dynamite explosion when the couple were on their honeymoon at a camp on Mantoulin Island.

But the explosion was premature. Badly injured, the young millionaire was placed in a motor-launch to be taken to a doctor on the mainland. Demented by pain, he was suspended for two days owing to damage done to his track by guerrillas.—Central News.



"WAR THIS
YEAR"



MR. JOSEPH P. KENNEDY, U.S. Ambassador to London, warned the Congress Military Affairs Committee yesterday that war is inevitable in Europe this year. (Story on Page 7.)

BIG FIRES RAGING IN VICTORIA

Australian State In Grip Of Holocaust

MELBOURNE, Jan. 11. VICTORIA, experiencing its worse drought and greatest heat wave of the century, is covered by a pall of smoke.

Reminiscent of Black Thursday of last century, when dozens of lives were lost as fires raged throughout the State's hinterland, great flames are tearing across a wide area today, leaving in their path a trail of death and desolation.

Thousands of volunteer fire-fighters are fighting the flames in many parts of the State. Train-loads of men are being taken from the cities to assist in the operations.

Extensive damage has been caused to the mining towns of Erica and Walhalla.

Dromana, a well-known seaside resort only 40 miles from Melbourne has suffered damage estimated at £1,000,000 worth of munitions on board.

MELBOURNE FOG-BOUND

In Melbourne itself, the pall of smoke is so dense that the city is fog-bound.

Suburban and country train services to Spencer Street and Flinders Street stations are entering and leaving the city to the accompaniment of fog-bombs, the clouds being so thick that it is often impossible for the engine-drivers to see the ordinary light signals.

Shipping in Port Phillip Bay and along the coast is also slowed down, and sirens are continually used.

Many large towns near Melbourne have been saved only by

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C.E.C. Members Depart

SEVEN of thirteen members of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang left Hongkong yesterday en route to Chinkiang.

Another three members are leaving to-day by way of Hainan and Yunnan.

The C.E.C. members are en route to Chinkiang to attend the fifth plenary congress of the Committee, which will open in the war-time capital on January 20.

Of the remaining three members of the Committee still in Hongkong two, General Lee Fuk-lam and Admiral Chan Chak, are remaining in the Colony at the request of the Central Government in order to continue refugee relief measures here. The Chinese Government has allotted £100,000 for this work during the past three months.

It is expected that vital decisions will be made at the forthcoming meeting of the C.E.C.

Reorganisation of the Government may follow the meeting.

Musica's Brothers To Go To Sing Sing

NEW YORK, Jan. 10. ANOTHER PAGE in the fantastic Jekyll-Hyde ramifications of the £3,600,000 McKesson and Robbins Drug Corporation scandal was written to-day when the three brothers of Frank Coster, in reality Philip Musica, an ex-convict, pleaded guilty to Federal Court charges of violating the Securities Act.

They will receive sentence on February 6.

The three men were Arthur Musica, George Musica and Robert Musica.

Their brother, who committed suicide when G-men endeavoured to arrest him at his palatial mansion in Fairfield, Connecticut, the three men were masquerading under assumed names.

Arthur Musica masqueraded under the name of George Verner, and was Canadian agent of the McKesson and Robbins Corporation.

George Musica, Treasurer of the Corporation, masqueraded under the name of George Dietrich. The third brother, Robert, used the name Robert Dietrich while a sister, Grace, posed as a Mrs. Coster.

WHO'S WHO BIOGRAPHY

Although Musica claimed an American lineage of some note in the "American Who's Who," he and his brothers and sisters were in reality children of a Neapolitan harber. They went to America, travelling steerage, in 1883 when Phillip, the dead man, was only six. He was the eldest of the family.

Among the ramifications of the firm were arms dealing with Spain and China, financing the war in Bolivia and Paraguay during the Gran Chaco dispute, and fraud.

It is stated that it was Musica who financed the Spanish Government steamship *Mon Cantabrica*, which was sunk off Spain last spring with a £1,000,000 worth of munitions on board.

Musica is also stated to have been involved in financing Bolivia and Paraguay in the Chaco war. He is said to have received in exchange a quinque monopoly.

ARM'S LABELED MAGNESIA

The Assistant Attorney-General of New York State stated that the Attorney-General was in possession

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Police Search For Indians

Posed As Police To Hold-up Man

THREE INDIANS, alleged to have posed as policemen, are being sought by Hongkong Police as a sequel to a hold-up on the Customs Pass Road yesterday afternoon.

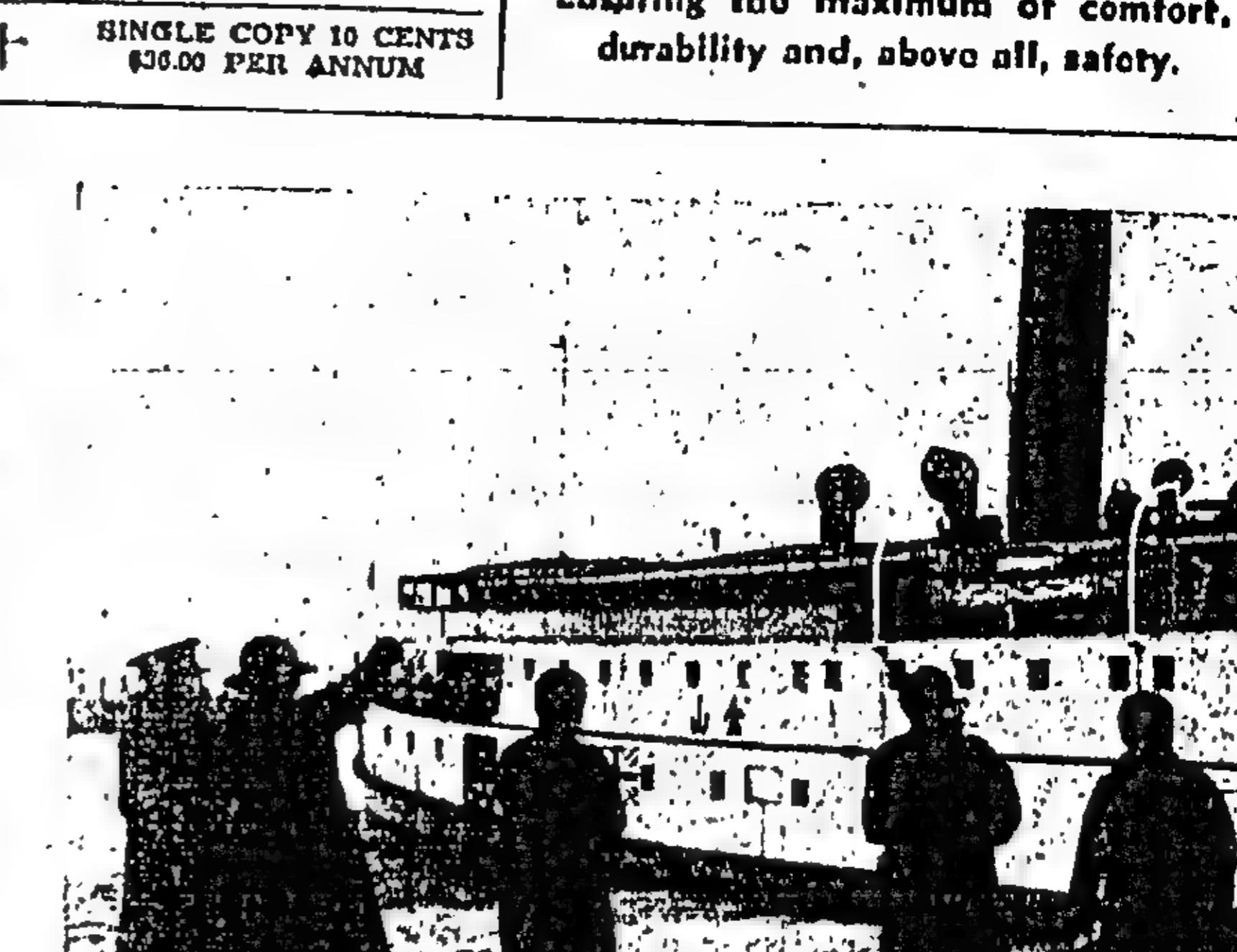
The victim of the hold-up, a 20-year-old fisherman named Yau Tinsing, was beaten up by the three men and was robbed of \$5.

The men gave him 80 cents of his money back when he pleaded for sufficient to take him home.

According to a report made to the police at Kowloon City by Yau, the three Indians accosted him as he was proceeding to Salkung village.

They took him along a path in the direction of the R.A.F. Station at Kai Tak, stating that they were taking him to the Kowloon City police station. Instead, he was taken to a hollow near the airport, and was assaulted and searched.

The three Indians were seen boarding a bus near the airport after the crime.



DEPARTURE FOR CANTON.—Only a few people were at the wharf this morning to farewell the *Kinsan*, first steamer to leave Hongkong for Canton since the Japanese captured the former Kwangtung Capital. The *Kinsan* carried 40 European passengers.—Newsphoto.

£10,000,000 Ship Subsidy Urged

LONDON, Jan. 10. THE CHAMBER OF BRITISH SHIPPING is submitting proposals to the Government urging that "if British shipping is to be maintained in the face of foreign competition of the kind it is meeting in practically every trade, then it must have support."

The proposals include:—
For deep-sea tramps, that the Government renews the tramp subsidy of £2,500,000 for five years.
For deep-sea liners, that Parliament vote £5,000,000 for five years to create a Liner Defence Fund administered by the Treasury on the advice of an independent commission, to which lines which are threatened, or in need, may apply for aid.

For tramp shipping for Continental trades, a subsidy of £500,000 for five years, and the Government to insist that an increasing proportion of the United Kingdom timber imports from Russia be assigned to British ships.

For coasting tramp shipping, £500,000 subsidy for five years, and the ensurance of fair competition with the railways.

For coasting liners, an adequate equalising subsidy compared with the coasting tramps, and the effective co-ordination of railways and roads, transporations, canals and coasting shipping.

For tankers, it is stated that financial incentives are necessary to prevent the disappearance of British tankers, but no definite remedy is proposed, without first discussing the matter with the Government.—Reuter Special

PIRACIES NEAR H.K.

One Man Shot, Taken To Hospital

Two pirates, one in British waters, have been reported to the Hongkong police during the past 24 hours.

In one of the attacks a junk fok, Cheng Kwan-shing, was shot in the shoulder and, as consequence, is now in Queen Mary Hospital.

The first piracy occurred in British waters off Pakshetan at 7 a.m. yesterday. Three pirates, armed with revolvers, were involved. When they approached their victim, who were in a large sized junk en route from Swatow to Hongkong, they fired several shots, one of which struck Cheng.

They boarded the junk, from which they stole cargo valued at \$100. Before departing in their own craft, they tied their victim with wire.

The second piracy, which occurred in Chinese waters off Chekwan, had a sequel in British territory.

After seizing a junk owned by Kwok Chin, the pirates abandoned their own vessel and, forcing the crew of their prize to land at the Chekwan temple, in British territory, made off with a comparatively new craft.

Japanese Peer Dies In Accident

Husband And Wife In Fatal Crash

TOKYO, Jan. 11. VISCOUNT Tadachir Torii and Cavairy Colonel Tadanori Miyake, (retired) younger brother of Viscount Torii, were killed instantly when the motor-car in which they were driving collided with a tram car at Hatagaya, in Tokyo on Tuesday.

Colonel Miyake participated in the Manchurian campaign in 1931 as an officer on the active list. The group was riding in the private car of Viscount Torii. Viscount Torii 45, and Colonel Miyake 55.—Domei.

LATEST

Air Raid On Chungking

CHUNGKING, Jan. 11. Another severe Japanese air raid was launched on Chungking yesterday, when twelve Army bombers appeared over the city.

A Japanese communiqué claims that "various Chinese military establishments in and around Chungking" were bombed.—Domei.

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HUGE BRITISH DEFICIT Govt. Expenditure Soars to New High

LONDON, Jan. 11. ALTHOUGH BRITISH REVENUE on January 7 was £53,175 higher than the corresponding period last year, the total deficit for the current year now stands at £249,607,418.

At the corresponding period last year, the excess of expenditure over revenue was £170,836,242.

Expenditure has increased by £28,904,831, compared with the corresponding period in 1938. The deficit then was £210,836,242.

Expenditure has thus increased by £18,070,997.

PREMIER FACING GRAVE ISSUES DURING ROME VISIT

ROME, JAN. 10.
WITH THE STAGE SET IN AN IMPOSING FASHION FOR THE ARRIVAL OF THE BRITISH PRIME MINISTER, MR. NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN, AND LORD HALIFAX, EVENTS IN THE LAST FEW HOURS HAVE TENDED TO BRING HOME TO POLITICAL CIRCLES HERE THE IMMENSITY OF THE TASK CONFRONTING THE BRITISH AND ITALIAN STATESMEN.

The Italian press is continuing to maintain its claims on France.

The "Tribuna" declares this evening that France is refusing to recognise the justice of the Italian claims which are based on the London pact.

WON'T MODIFY CLAIMS

Well-informed circles here are maintaining, in even greater insistence than formerly, that Italy has no intention of modifying its claims, especially with respect to Djibouti.

It would appear that official Italian circles are "certain that the British statesmen will discuss this question as well as the problem of Franco-Italian relations" although no attempt is being made to overlook the last minute efforts made by the French Government to induce the British statesmen to steer clear of these points as far as possible.

As a consequence, the Paris Interlude has already caused a good deal of resentment here.

ROME RESENTMENT

In putting forward Italy's case, much is made of the promise made to Italy when she entered the Great War, especially as to her title to compensation in accordance with Paragraph 13 of the secret London Pact.

Italy appears quite resolved to go to all lengths to get this claim settled. Another point fraught with difficulties is the Spanish problem.

Italy, it is declared, will reject all attempts to solve the Spanish question by way of compromise.

Very great importance is attached here to the successes achieved by General Franco in Catalonia. The imputation is that as these successes have brought General Franco within the group of a final victory, Italy has now no longer any need to insist on the granting of belligerent rights to General Franco.

It is presumed here that the scope of the talks will be extended to include such matters as the improvement of Anglo-Italian trade relations and the Jewish question.

GERMAN ATTITUDE

The German attitude toward the Anglo-Italian talks is characterised in a statement issued from official quarters this evening. It is pointed out that, according to the pronouncement made on the occasion of the

signing of the Franco-German declaration in Paris, Germany is not directly interested in the Mediterranean.

The policy of the Rome-Berlin axis demands that Italy should take the lead in this point.

Beyond this, Germany welcomes the Anglo-Italian talks in the hope that they will contribute towards a European appeasement. — Trans-Ocean.

CHAMBERLAIN DEPARTS FOR ROME

LONDON, Jan. 10.

THE DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

of the London "Daily Telegraph & Morning Post" states that Mr. Neville Chamberlain is proceeding to Rome with no special object except to restore peace in Europe.

The subjects he will probably discuss with Signor Mussolini will be:

1.—Spain, with special reference to the continuation of Italian and German intervention.

2.—Italy's claim against France. Mr. Chamberlain will probably point out that any Italian territorial aggrandisement will be contrary to the Anglo-Italian Agreement.

3.—Jewry.

4.—General aspects of peace in Europe.

5.—Economic questions.

ARRIVAL IN PARIS

Paris, Jan. 10.

The railway station was decorated with flags and red carpet when M. Edouard Daladier, M. Georges Bonnet, the British Ambassador, and the Embassy staff welcomed Mr. Neville Chamberlain and his party when they arrived at the Gare du Nord en route to Rome to-day.

A large crowd in front of the station cheered and waved at Mr. Chamberlain and M. Daladier, followed by Viscount Halifax and M. Bonnet drove to the Quai D'Orsay.

After a political talk at the Quai D'Orsay, lasting 70 minutes, Mr. Chamberlain and Viscount Halifax, accompanied by M. Daladier and M. Bonnet drove to the Gare de Lyon, from where the British Ministers left for Rome at 7.30 p.m.

A communiqué issued regarding the talks stated: "The general identity of views previously reached between the two governments was fully confirmed."

It is believed that M. Daladier and

M. Bonnet took the initiative in the conversations, stating their viewpoint with regard to the Italian claims, and the British Ministers were in entire agreement.

The whole situation was reviewed in the light of decisions already taken. The British Ministers gave a outline of what they would say in Rome, and the French were in complete accord.

It is gathered in political circles in Paris that the British Ministers have gone to Rome without the intention of making any particular declaration, but rather to listen to the Italian viewpoint, the details of which remain a very close secret, but if the Italian should ask the British Ministers' advice they will point out the various steps which they could usefully take. Firstly, in order to ease the situation in the Mediterranean it is very desirable that the Italians should completely withdraw their troops from Spain.

Secondly, if they desire to straighten out matters with France, the Italian should approach France directly, calling off their press campaign and agitation. It is always possible that they might then obtain, for example the conversion of Djibouti into a free port.

Political circles believe that "nothing for nothing" will be the maximum of the Rome talks.—Reuter.

ROME PREPARATIONS

Rome, Jan. 10.

On the eve of the arrival of Mr. Chamberlain and Viscount Halifax final preparations are being made in the Italian capital for a festive reception of the English guests.

The vast hall of the Central Railway Station is covered with English and Italian flags, and decorated with flowers.

The surroundings of the station are affording a similarly gay view, with an abundant display of flags.

A stand has been erected just in front of the station to give the British colony an opportunity of meeting the statesmen of their country.

After the arrival of the guests at 4.30 p.m. on Wednesday, the guests will drive to the Villa Madama, where they will stay during the visit.

At 5.45 p.m., Mr. Chamberlain and Viscount Halifax will enter their names in the visitors' book at Quirinal Palace, after which they will have their first conversation with Signor Mussolini, who, at 9 o'clock gives a

Hungary Departs From League

Rome, Jan. 11.
Hungary has decided to withdraw from the League of Nations and will communicate her decision to Geneva in the next few days. reliable information indicates.

It is pointed out that Hungary recently made definite moves to befriend the countries ading to the anti-Comintern Pact. It concluded a cultural agreement with Japan and on Tuesday formally recognised Manchukuo.—Domei.

Exchange Control For Chefoo

PEKING, Jan. 10.

It is reported from Chefoo that the Japanese authorities there are bringing into force on January 15 control of foreign exchange transactions, similar to those which have been in force at Tsinling for some time. The reason given is "naval necessity".—Reuter.

banquet and reception at the Palazzo Venezia.

The Extraordinary importance attached to the visit is indicated by the fact that 50 English newspaper correspondents have arrived, and similarly numerous newspapermen are expected from other countries.—Trans-Ocean.

NO DRUM-BEATING

Rome, Jan. 10.

Although there will be no bunting, drum-beating and trumpeting such as greeted Herr Hitler, an atmosphere of genuine cordiality and enthusiasm awaits Mr. Chamberlain and Viscount Halifax.

While nothing has been said officially with regard to the subjects for discussion, it is thought here, that despite the London statement that the discussions will be on general lines, that specific details are bound to be broached.

Spain, Franco-Italian relations, Italy's colonial aspirations, the Suez Canal administration, the Jewish settlement, and Anglo-Italian trade are among the subjects mentioned.

The first official welcome to the British Ministers will be at Turin at 8 a.m. to-morrow. The special train is due at Genoa at 10 a.m. where the Ministers will be welcomed by the civil and military authorities.

The train is due in Rome at 4.23 p.m., where the visitors will be welcomed by Count Ciano, other Italian Ministers, and members of the British Embassy. The station will be decorated with flowers and Italian and British flags.

The British delegation will drive in seven cars, headed by Mr. Chamberlain and Count Ciano through the troop-lined streets to the Villa Madama.—Reuter.

BRITISH ACTION IN EAST PENDING?

LONDON, Jan. 10.

PROLIFIC REPORTS continue to appear in the newspapers that the British Government is preparing positive action in the not distant future in defence of British trade and the support of China.

The "Birmingham Post" declares: "Soon after the reassembly of Parliament, the Government will be in a position to announce steps to be taken for the defence of British interests in the Far East."

Well-informed persons regard this as considerably exceeding the actualities.

The "Financial Review" says that the Government is seriously considering two courses of action. One is direct support of the Chinese Government, firstly by a currency loan, and secondly, by measures designed to "have a more direct influence on the trade and finance of Japan than upon the powers of Chinese resistance."

The paper, however, learns that the Government has no intention of imposing a general embargo on Japanese exports to Britain at present.

VESTED INTERESTS

Part of the difficulty in the way of trade retaliation, "Reuter" learns, is the objections of interests in the Dominions which are doing business with Japan in metals, cotton and wool. It is understood that Washington is similarly hampered by oil, cotton, scrap, and machine and tool interests.

On the other hand, undoubtedly the British Government's attitude is hardening and opinion is gaining ground that there is nothing to be gained by diplomatic protests.

Nothing legally prevents Great Britain from lending a help to China, but as regards direct defence of British interests in the Far East, there is ground for believing that the Government may send to Japan a comprehensive note comparable with that of the United States on December 31, as a final effort to obtain redress of British complaints, before trying sterner measures.—Reuter.

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British Explanation Of Palestine Is Refuted

"TRANS-OCEAN" QUOTES ARAB DECLARATION

ACCORDING to a "Trans-Ocean" (German) message from Cairo, representatives of Palestino Arabs to-day gave a statement refuting the declaration published by the British Government on Monday regarding the situation in Palestine.

The "Trans-Ocean" message states, among other things, that the British account of the situation was intended to conceal the true state of affairs, that the procedure of British troops in Palestine was so cruel, and substantiated by such numerous eye-witness accounts and incontestable documents, that the proofs would fill volumes.

The declaration, says "Trans-Ocean," claims that the British assertion that reports of the shooting of Arab prisoners in cold blood were untrue, is contradicted by the evidence of eye-witnesses in the trial now going on in Jaffa of four British police officers, and by hundreds of documents signed by eye-witnesses, and the statements of relatives of those shot.

"It is even indisputable that more civilians, including women and children, than irregulars have been killed by the British military forces in Palestine," "Trans-Ocean" adds.

ENGLISHMEN EVICTED

"The British assertion that no houses of innocent people had been demolished is not in accord with the facts.

"Innumerable houses in the town of Janin were blown up by British troops. The village of Chahab, as well as the villages of Kuleh, Sileh, Kabatjah, Asun, Tabel and Hall had all been completely annihilated."

"Numerous Englishmen have had to leave Palestine at the order of the authorities, because they expressed indignation at the treatment of Arabs by British soldiers.

"Assertions made by the English that differences exist among the irregulars are not in accord with the facts. On the contrary it is true that mercenary bands and Arab civilians were sent against Nationalist irregulars by England in order to avoid the impression that a civil war was in progress, and thus to cause internal strife.

"The British assertion that private property had not been demanded is incomprehensible, since hundreds of attested statements by eye-witnesses about the theft of gold and valuables are available."

MOSQUES VIOLATED

"The statement that the mosques had been respected is incomprehensible, since up till now, altogether 30 mosques had been destroyed or damaged, namely the mosques of Jenin, Chahab, Kuleh and Jaffa, while the sacred Aksar mosque in Jerusalem had been seriously

Formosa Takes S'hai Market

Shanghai, Jan. 10. A Japanese paper here reports an increasing influx of Formosan goods into Shanghai.

Some of these are said to out-distance similar goods from other countries.

With 50,000 tons of sugar in 1938, against 5,000 tons in 1937, Formosa topped the import list, even threatening to monopolise the market.

With the original price low, and shipping costs small, Formosan sugar constitutes a big rival for Java's sugar exports.

At the same time, the paper expects that Formosan fruits and vegetables will, to a large extent, replace the Singapore goods.

The O.S.K. shipping line is said to be contemplating an increase in passenger and cargo services between Shanghai and Formosa in order to link up the producer and consumer markets.—Trans-Ocean.

Spanish Sailors To Be Repatriated

GIBRALTAR, Jan. 10.

THE captain, officers and crew of the Loyalist destroyer, Jose Luis Diez, which was damaged in a fight with Insurgent warships last month, will be sent to a Spanish Government port to-morrow aboard H.M. destroyers Glowworm and Greyhound, according to a reliable authority.—Reuters.

TOO MUCH WHEAT IN WORLD

Fear Of Decrease In Prices

LONDON, Jan. 10.

THE International Wheat Committee, on which the governments of 22 wheat-growing countries are represented, met for a conference to-day at the Board of Trade offices.

In the absence of the United States Ambassador, Mr. Joseph Kennedy, the chair was taken by the United States Minister to Sofia, Mr. Ray Atherton.

The object of the conference is to consider measures for avoiding the disastrous consequences which threaten the international wheat market owing to the excess of supplies resulting from bumper harvests in the principal wheat-growing lands.

The conference, after a study of statistical data, will discuss appropriate measures to be recommended to the governments concerned.

At the opening of the meeting, Mr. Atherton announced that the United States intended to withdraw from the chairmanship of the committee. This step, he added, did not imply any diminution of American interest in the committee's work.

It has not yet been decided who will preside at future meetings of the committee.—Trans-Ocean.

CHINESE GENIUS PRAISED

New Burma Road Is Remarkable Construction Feat

LONDON, Jan. 10.

MR. Nelson Johnson, who leaves for New York by the Il De France on Wednesday, to-day laughingly dodged the question whether he saw any supplies entering China during his motor trip of 2,100 miles along the new Burma road.

He said: "I was very much interested in the scenery. To get an idea of the Chinese fent, it must be realised that the entire road was surveyed and built by native labour, without a single piece of road-building equipment. The Chinese used bullock-carts to take away the material, and stone rollers carved from rocks to smooth down the surface of the road."—United Press.

VISIT SPECULATIONS

London, Jan. 10. The United States Ambassador to China, Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, arrived here to-day. Although his visit is stated to be purely private, political circles believe that it is connected with the economic "plan of campaign" against Japan, contemplated by England and the United States.

It is expected that Mr. Johnson will have conversations with a number of business leaders interested in trade with China, and possibly also with political personalities, before embarking for the United States.

The Ambassador, on his return to America, will report to President Roosevelt on the situation in the Far East.—Trans-Ocean.

Puppets Won't Pay Foreign Loans

Peiping, Jan. 10. The Provisional Government has issued a statement declining to assume responsibility for the repayment of loans to Britain and America, claiming that they were made to the Chiang Kai-shek Government.—Reuters.

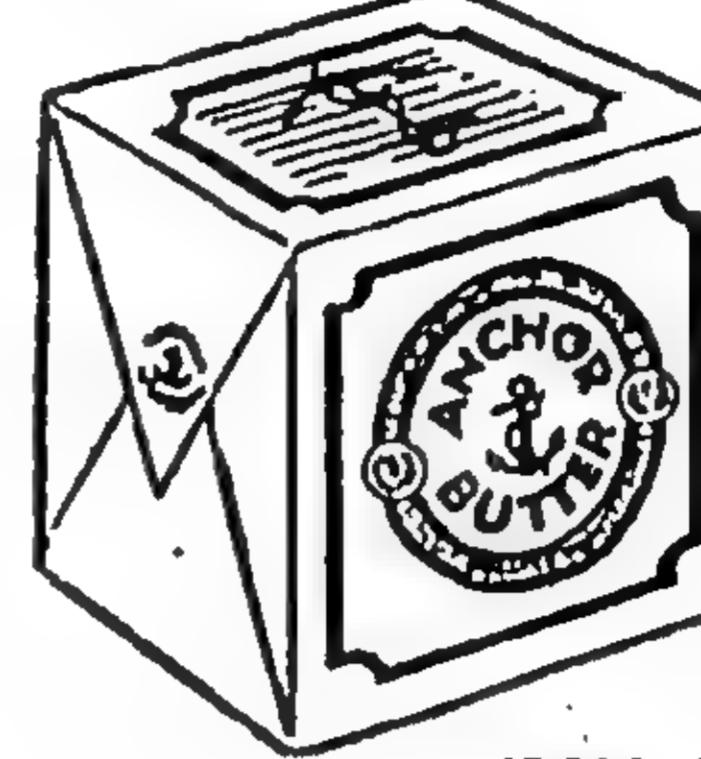
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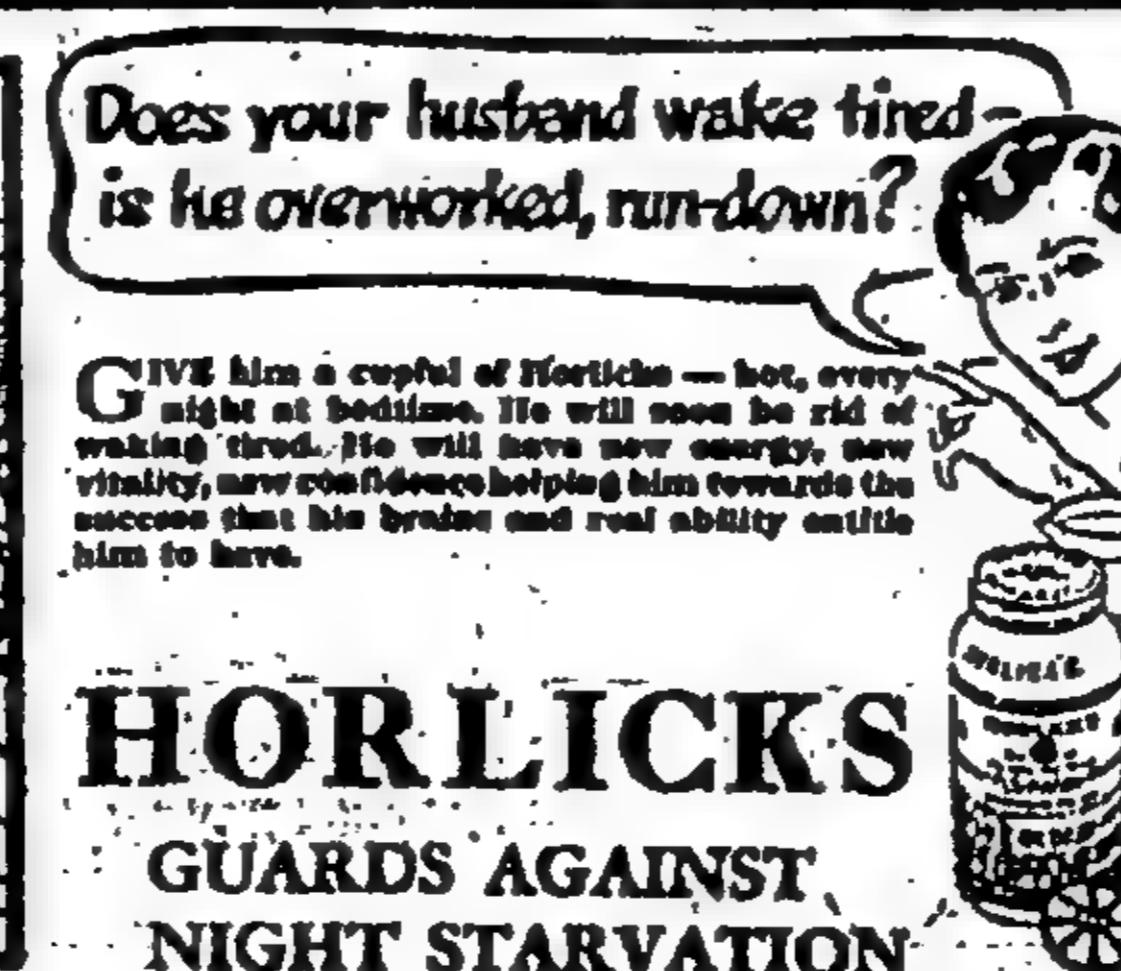
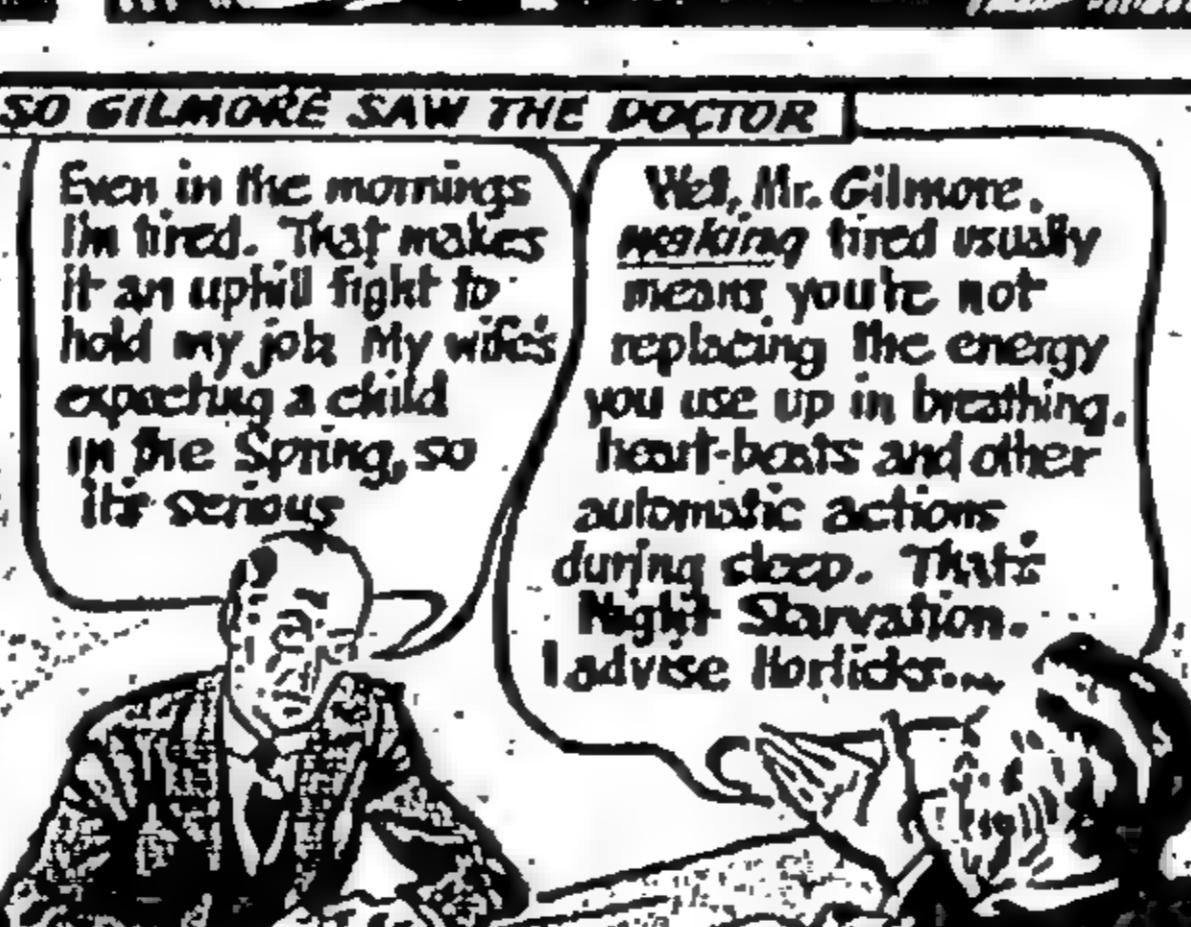
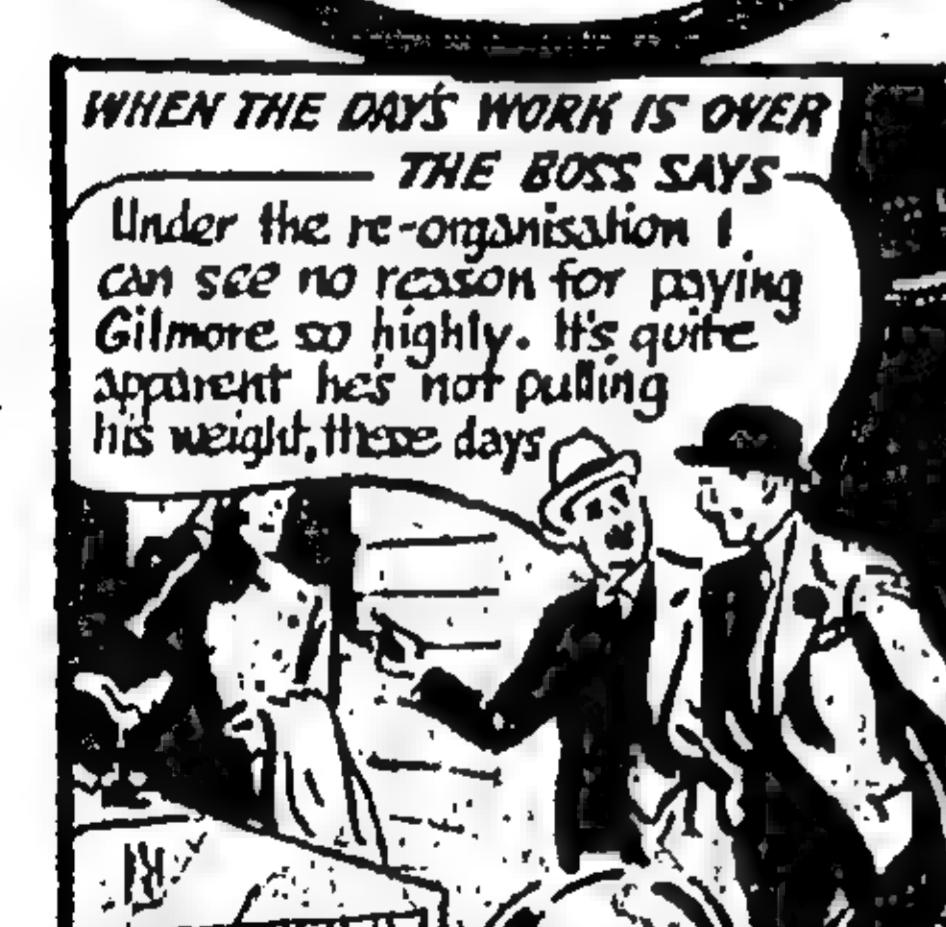
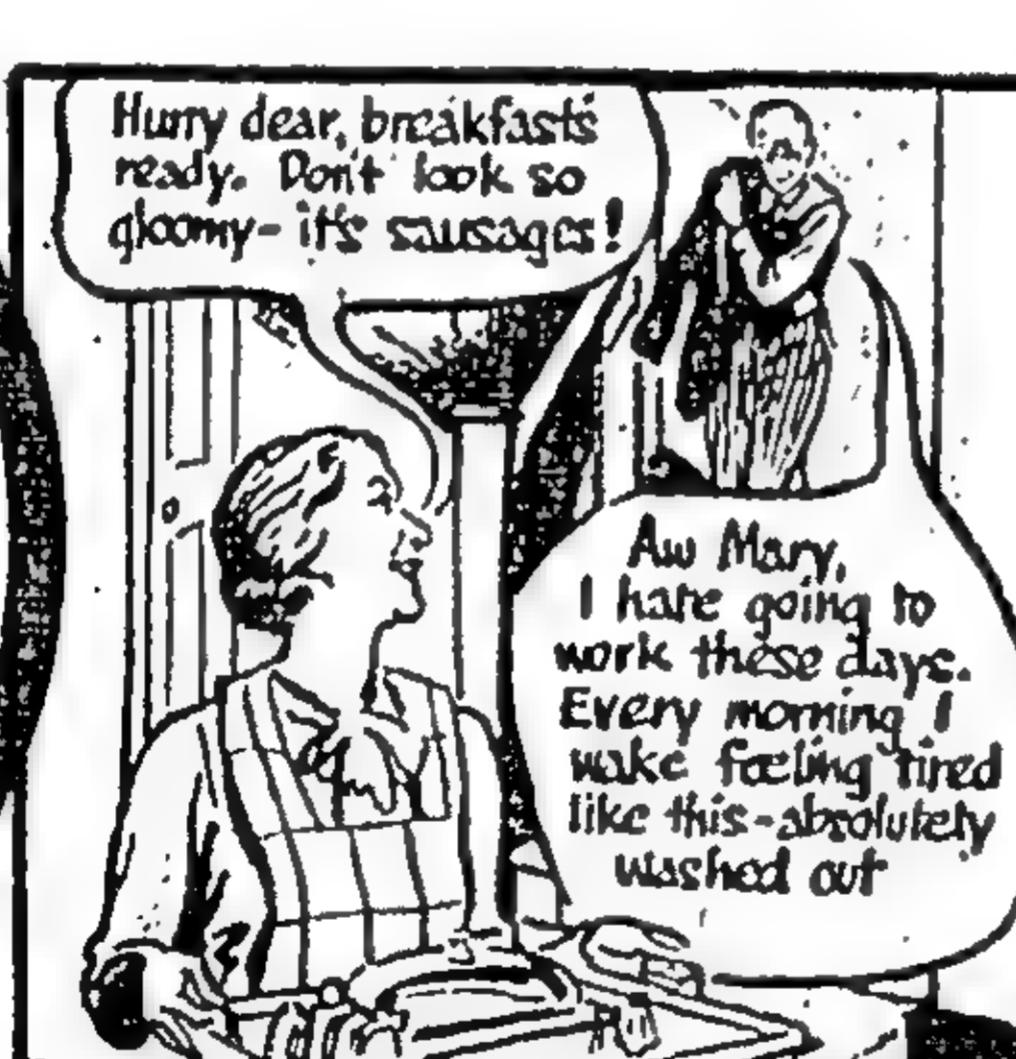
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Sentences In Nazi Trials

BERLIN, Jan. 10. SENTENCE ON THE Radical writer, Ernst Niekisch, and his associates, charged with high treason, was pronounced by the People's Court to-day, after a trial lasting eight days.

Niekisch was sentenced to penal servitude for life and the permanent loss of civil rights for the preparation of high treason and the illegal organisation of a political party.

The second accused, Herr Drexel, was sentenced to three and a half years penal servitude and loss of civil rights for three years on similar charges, while the third accused, Herr Troeger, was sentenced to 21 months imprisonment.

In the latter case, accused is considered to have purged his sentence while under remand.

It was established during the trial that Niekisch attempted to "continue his National-Bolshevist Widerstandsbewegung (Movement of Resistance)" which dates back as far as 1926, despite prohibition of political parties after 1933. "By his speeches and writings, he had attempted to propagate a Bolshevik Utopia."

The trial revealed that "sporadic intellectual efforts were, from the beginning, bound to fail in view of the political attitude of the entire German people, so that the court therefore abstained from inflicting the death sentence." - Trans-Ocean.

U.S. Wheat For Starving Chinese

Chungking, Jan. 11. The first shipment of 2,400 tons of wheat donated by the U.S. Red Cross Society to relieve Chinese refugees has arrived in China, according to a Shanghai message.

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Central News.
LORD BALDWIN'S FUND

London, Jan. 10. Lord Baldwin's refugee fund is now over £350,000. - Reuter.

Neutral Zone For Czech Hungarian Frontier

PRAGUE, Jan. 10.

THE SUGGESTION that a neutral zone be extended all along the frontier between Carpatho-Ukraine and Hungary is made in a note from Czechoslovakia to Hungary, in reply to the latter's protest about the Munkacevo incident. The Czechoslovak note maintains that the incident originated in shots from the Hungarian side.

It suggests that the affair, together with the incident at Dovre on Sunday, should be referred to a mixed Czech-Hungarian Commission, which would be empowered to make a final arbitration. - Reuter.

CABINET RE-SHUFFLE IMMINENT

Separate Minister For Dominions

LONDON, Jan. 10.

ALTHOUGH IT is known that Mr. Chamberlain returns from Rome, a re-shuffle of portfolios in the British Cabinet is planned, no reliable information as to what changes will be made, is yet available.

It is, however, confidently asserted that the post of Secretary to the Dominions, which became vacant through the death of Lord Stanley, since when it has been administered by Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, in addition to the Colonial Office, will again have a separate Minister.

In support of this, it is pointed out that Mr. MacDonald is at present fully occupied at the Colonial Office, particularly in connection with the tasks arising out of the Palestine question. - Trans-Ocean.

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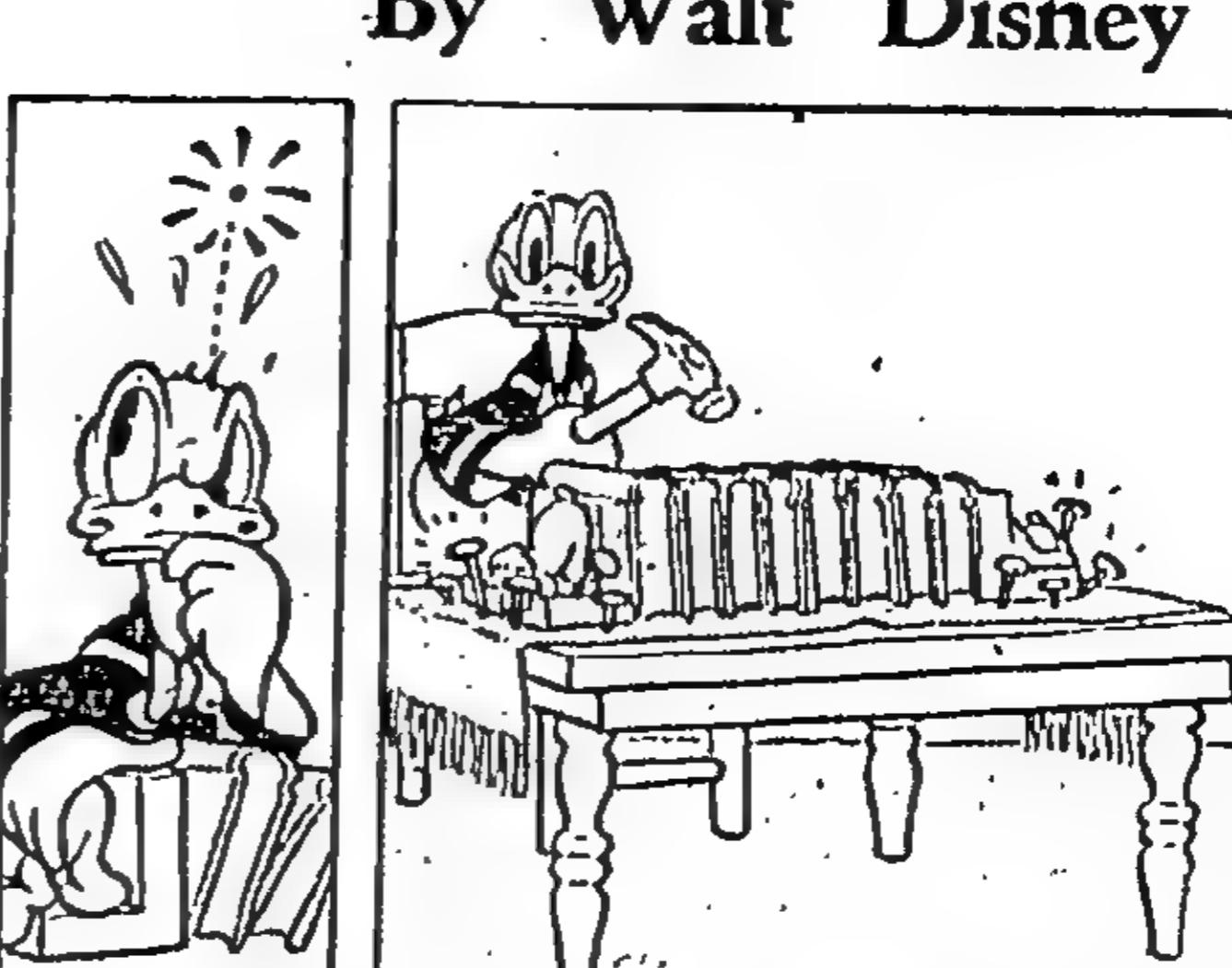
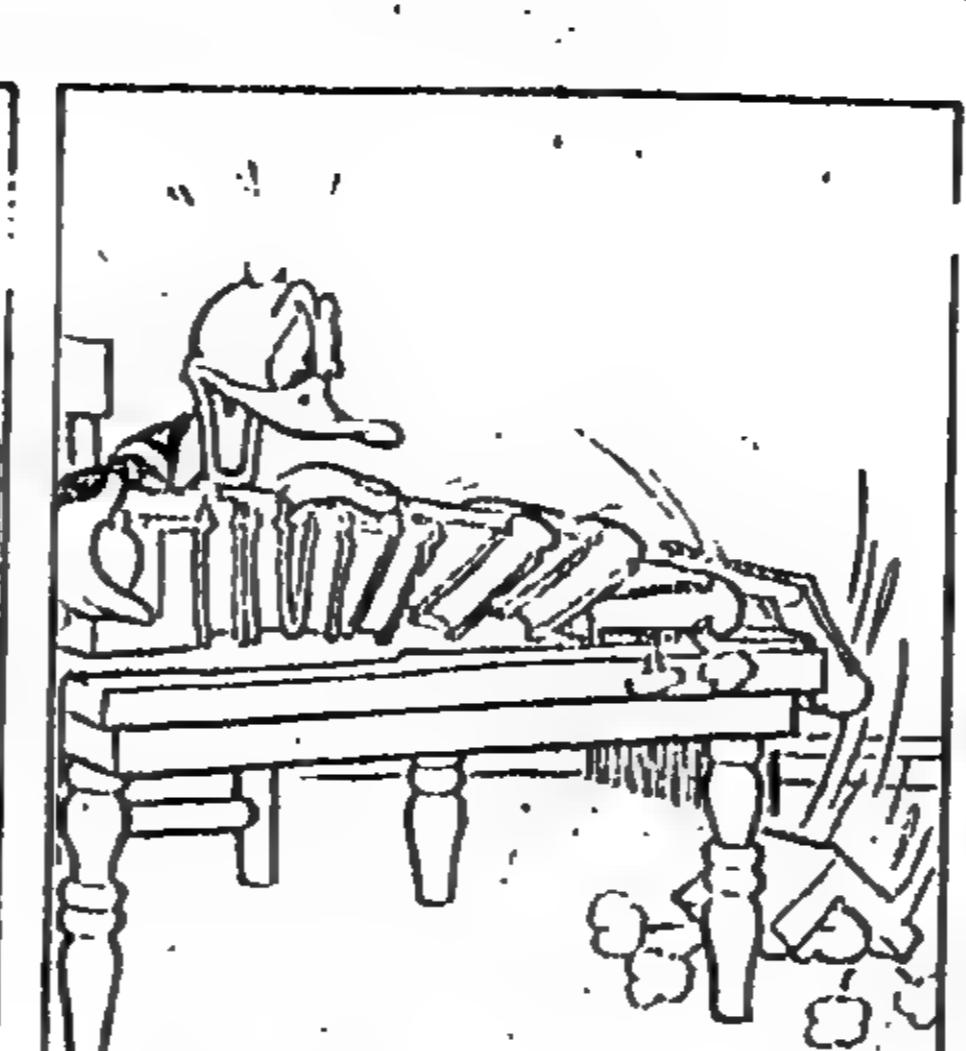
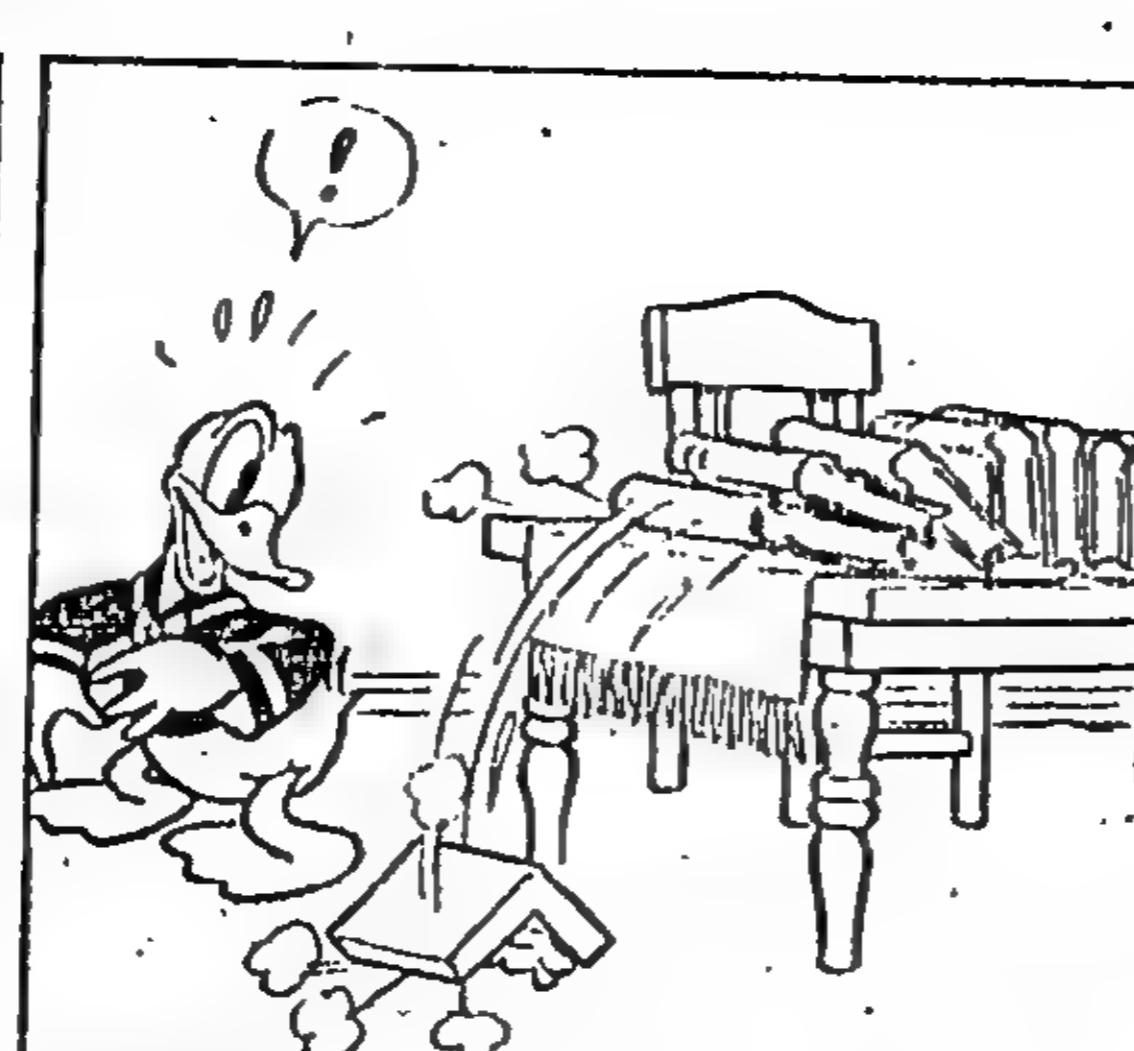
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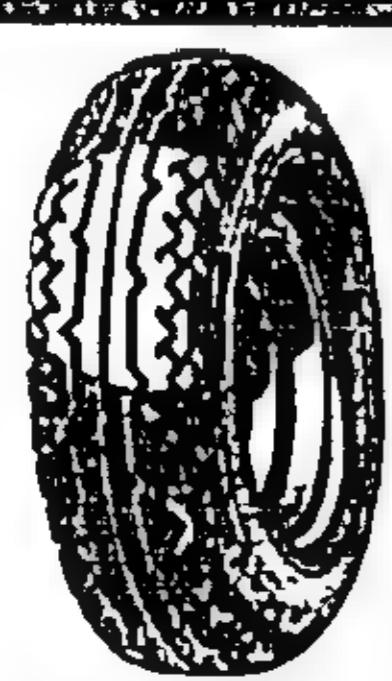
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VERY NECESSARY MEASURE SAYS POLITICIAN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.

SENATOR Elmer Thomas to-day urged further devaluation of the dollar's gold content in an effort to raise commodity prices and to promote recovery.

In the course of the interview he said: "It is the only solution to the spending problem, and the question of balancing the budget. We are going to be forced into it."

He said that there was growing pressure from farm groups who faced declining prices, demanding increased Federal aid in lieu of the new taxes.

He pointed out that the Treasury now holds \$14,565,000,000 worth of gold, which was about two-thirds of the world supply. Therefore further devaluation would mean a "profit" to the Government of approximately \$2,500,000,000.—United Press.

DUTCH BANKS TO AID
STERLING

Amsterdam, Jan. 10. (Reuter) learns that the Dutch banks have declared that they are prepared to co-operate with the Netherlands Bank in checking speculation against sterling.

They are consequently abstaining from participation in gold transactions of such a character as to constitute a speculative attack on sterling.—Reuter.

BRIGHT STOCK EXCHANGE

London, Jan. 10. The London Stock Exchange had a better tone to-day. More active trading developed with late dealings, and the earlier losses were largely recovered in most groups.

Amongst industrials, Woolworths were of outstanding interest, the price finishing 1/3d higher at 55 1/2d, following the announcement of a total distribution for the year of 65 per cent, compared with 60 per cent. previously, and that profits were £0,961,000, as against £6,490,000 last year.

Wall Street was firm.—Reuter Special.

"PUPPETS" APPEAL
TO CHINESE

Shanghai, Jan. 11. Asserting that their own fate, in addition to that of the 12 Chinese provinces now partially or completely under Japanese domination, depended upon their action at this time, Mr. Wen Tsung-yao, President of the Legislative Council of the Reformed Government of Nanking, yesterday issued a lengthy appeal to the people of the nine provinces still under the control of the Kuomintang.

He urged the conclusion of an agreement with Japan on the basis of the three points outlined by Prince Konoye.—Reuter.

DEATH FOR 5 ARABS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 10. FIVE ARABS were sentenced to death to-day by a British court martial.

These Arabs were among those who were taken into custody during the collisions in the village of Jatta in the Hebron district at the turn of the year. In numerous Arab villages, domiciliary searches have been made by various British regiments.—Trans-Ocean.

TO CONFER WITH MUFTI

Cairo, Jan. 10. The French High Commissioner in Syria has given unconditional permission to members of the Palestinian High Committee to enter Syria in

Blaze On Line Extinguished

LONDON, Jan. 10. THE fire aboard the New Zealand Shipping Company's liner, Rotorua, which broke out yesterday while the vessel was midway between Australia and New Zealand, is now completely under control, according to the latest wireless messages from the vessel, which is proceeding to Auckland.—Reuter.

Man Runs Amok And Kills Four

COLOMBO, Jan. 10. THE police are combing the jungle in Central Colombo for a gunman who ran amok and shot dead four people, and wounded another.

He is known still to have hundreds of cartridges.

Panic-stricken people in the villages are remaining in their homes behind barricaded doors.

The man ran amok after a quarrel with his partner in a gambling den. He shot his partner dead during a meal, and then rushed into the street, shot four others, and escaped to the jungle.—Reuter.

London 'Phones Newfoundland

London, Jan. 10. A radio-telephone service between the United Kingdom and Newfoundland was inaugurated to-day. The service is afforded by an interconnection of the new Newfoundland-Montreal link, and the existing London-Montreal link.

Before the addition of this new overseas service, telephone subscribers in Great Britain were already able to speak to about 95 per cent. of telephone subscribers in the world.—British Wireless.

CHINESE MAGISTRATE IS COMMANDED

Chungking, Jan. 11. The Executive Yuan decided at a meeting held here yesterday to issue an order commanding the loyalty of the late Mr. Li Chih-ling, magistrate of Hsialin in Shantung, who was killed while leading the police and peace preservation corps to fight against the Japanese recently. A pension of \$5,000 will be given to his family.—Central News.

order, personally to confer with the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem at Beirut.—Trans-Ocean.

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When Is a War?

GREAT BRITAIN, thus far, has steered clear of the ticklish international problem created by the hostilities between China and Japan. Neither China nor Japan will admit that a war is in progress and there has been no normal declaration. Diplomatically, this pretence has not only suited Japan and China but also, apparently, the Western Powers.

In the detention in Hongkong of a number of Chinese soldiers, interned in Kowloon City until, presumably, the termination of hostilities, the Hongkong Government appears to have set a precedent which can quite conceivably have unforeseen results.

If China and Japan are not at "war" in the official sense of the word, by what authority are the prisoners detained? And what would be the Government's position if any Chinese or other person took out a writ of *Habeas Corpus*, demanding the release of one or more of the internees?

THE DANGER in the visit to Rome this week of the Premier, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, is that he may be induced by Signor Mussolini to grant belligerent rights to Franco in Spain—the right to stop, in the High Seas off England, or anywhere else, any ship which may be carrying supplies to the Loyalists.

The granting of belligerent rights to Franco would not necessarily end the war through starving the Loyalists of arms and war materials. But it would probably end the war by starving the women and children in Loyalist Spain. There are 3,715,000 children and over 3,000,000 refugees from other parts of Spain in Loyalist territory. There is a problem of cruel distress on a mass scale. For the Loyalists there is neither peace nor plenty, but war and scarcity. Any concession to Franco will place into Insurgent hands the deadly weapon of starvation.

Intervention
FOR TWO and a half years the Spanish people have been defending their elected Government against a military rebellion begun and supported by Totalitarian States.

While Britain and other democratic countries have forbidden the sending of arms to the Loyalists in the name of "Non-Intervention," Italy and Germany have openly sent armies, aeroplanes and "advisers" to General Franco, and have publicly boasted of breaking "Non-Intervention."

Without their backing, Franco's rebellion would never have started or, at the utmost, would have been stillborn.

The Earth is Getting late . . . Days are longer . . . Sun-spots are upsetting Radio . . .

It may be The Driest Period for Years

OBSEVATIONS made at Greenwich have shown that the Moon is departing from its calculated course. At the present time it is farther from its position, according to the theory of gravitation, than it has been at any time since 1680.

The blame for this apparently erratic behaviour is to be put on our own Earth.

The Earth provides us with our standard of time: the day. If the length of the day changes because the Earth does not turn round on its axis at a constant rate, the Moon will be in a slightly different place in the heavens from that in which we expect to find it.

Other bodies, such as the Sun, Mercury or Venus are also found to be in positions that are slightly different from their calculated ones, but as the motions of these bodies in the sky are slower than that of the Moon, their errors are not so great.

Friction of Tides

THE astronomer can use either the Earth, the Moon, the Sun, Mercury or Venus, as a clock; and the last four of these agree in showing that the Earth is a bad timekeeper.

It is easy to see why the day should gradually get longer. The friction of tidal waters on the beds of the oceans acts as a brake on the rotation of the Earth and gradually slows it down.

This process will go on for millions of years, until at length the Earth will always turn the same face to the Moon, just as the Moon already always turns the same face to the Earth. The day will then be equal to 47 of our present days.

But this gradual lengthening of the day is not uniform: sometimes it is accelerated, sometimes retarded. The cause of these variations is perhaps due to a slight expansion or contraction of the Earth as a whole. An oscillation of the surface by one or two feet above and below its mean value would be sufficient to account for them.

THE most rapid change in the length of the day occurred between 1863 and 1875, and amounted to one three-hundredth part of a second a day, giving an accumulated error in the course of a year of more than one second.

The best astronomical clocks yet made are almost good enough to check this error. A new form of clock, however, in which the time is registered by the vibrations of a crystal of quartz, is being made for the Greenwich Observatory, and this should be reliable to the one-thousandth part of a second per day. It may prove to be a better time-keeper than the Earth.

The length of the day can change with considerable suddenness. The quickest changes have occurred about 1790, 1896, and 1917. These were only found by astronomical observations. Perhaps the next sudden change will be revealed by our clocks.

At the present time sun-spots and other disturbances on the sun are rapidly becoming more frequent. It has been suggested that the abnormal weather of

the past 18 months may be a result of this.

Last year was the driest year in Hongkong for 40 years.

Though it seems that sun-spots do have some effects on the weather as indicated, for instance, by the variations in the widths of the annual rings of trees [shown in cross sections

of the trunks] appearing to coincide with the number of sun-spots—those effects are largely concealed by the many other complicated factors that continue to make the weather.

It is not fair to blame sun-spots for our dry weather. But those organisations concerned with wireless communication can justly blame the sun for some of the troubles that they are experiencing.

They may be receiving short wave wireless messages quite normally when, within a few seconds, the messages will fade away entirely.

It has been established recently that these fading synchronise exactly with intensely hot eruptions on the sun. Such eruptions usually occur in the neighbourhood of sun-spots and are frequent when the spots are numerous and rare when they are few.

More Sun-Spots

AS sun-spots will become still more numerous for the next two years, it looks as though there is going to be considerable interruption in the reception of beam wireless messages.

Can we also blame sun-spots for the changes in the course of the Gulf Stream and other ocean currents?

These changes are of great importance to the fishing industry. Herring, haddock, plaice, and sole intensely dislike the warm Gulf Stream water.



This drawing shows how the Moon exerts its pull on the tides, which, in turn, by their friction on the ocean beds act as a brake slowing down the Earth's rotation.

which swarms with jelly-fish of all kinds.

Guide to Fishermen

1819 Over Again?

WHEN the Gulf Stream is strong, catches of these fish are poor. The most valuable food-fish prefer the cold stream coming from the North, which is rich in the phosphates that provide nourishment for the animals on which the fish feed.

Not enough is yet known about these changes in the Gulf Stream to say whether or not they are due to sun-spots; they are being studied by the development commission on fishery matters.

It would indeed be fortunate if it could be established that sun-spots do influence these changes, because we can predict with fair accuracy how numerous sun-spots are going to be. Whether this year in Hongkong will follow a similar course, it would then become possible to predict the course of the Gulf Stream and to advise fisherman.

Hongkong's meteorological records do not go further back than the Seventies. But in England, a hundred years ago, the rainfall in the first five months of the year was double the normal, and one of the driest summers on record followed, with a total rainfall from the middle of May to the end of August of less than 1½ in.

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Why I Prefer The Man of 40 By A Girl of 20

IN this modern world of outspoken youth, what a welcome antidote and how infinitely refreshing socially is the man of 40.

No young man with all his glittering exploits can achieve the indefinite and change which characterises the older man.

The modern youth, for all our admiration of his enterprise and his vitalising ideas in business, is a noisy creature, who has uncouth manners and drives a small, uncomfortable car much too fast because he thinks it is clever.

He appears often to be horribly misled by the idea of his own importance, he criticises things of which he has had no experience, and sneers at old age as something Victorian which ought to be put out of life decently.

ALL the young men I know have three topics of conversation—themselves, their Clubs, and their Cars—and one qualification—they can dance.

The youth of to-day thinks it is amusing to be cynical, especially towards women, in whose presence he likes to show off atrociously. He does not realise his own raveness, his lack of subtlety, or the emptiness of his words.

You can see him everywhere, at the hotels, at the Club and at parties, hands in pockets, cigarette in mouth, smiling, a smile of complete compunction, because he really believes he is the salt of the earth.

The man of 40 is very different person. He has learned to look on nature not as in the hour of thoughtless youth but with the chastened understanding of experience.

The lesson of his own follies has made him tolerant of other people's weaknesses. He treats women with deference and respect, because he can remember the days when we were really placed on a pedestal. He is courteous and considerate, he knows how to pay compliments.

He is a charming companion because he has long since outgrown talking about himself. He is witty without being vulgar. He can choose a good dinner unostentatiously, and does not bully his inferiors.

He takes an interest in life itself, not merely its pleasures. He is sympathetic, because few men reach the age of 40 without some suffering. Like new wine, youth is harsh and immature and mellow. He may have grey hair, be unable to drive a car more than 35 miles an hour, and detest parties, but I feel stimulated and safe with him.

H. L.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Money doesn't mean happiness! Snodgrass, over there, with his two million isn't a bit happier than Fussleight with his million."

How Eric Boon Knocked Out D. Crowley: Unexpected End Eleventh Round Punch Swings The Balance

By Harold Lewis

London, Dec. 16. Hundreds of people rushed the ring at Harringay last night, and at least 50 succeeded in fighting their way over press tables and through the ropes when Eric Boon, 18-year-old blacksmith of Chatteris, Cambridgeshire, won the British lightweight championship by knocking out Dave Crowley, of Clerkenwell, in the 13th round.

Supporters of Boon had come from all parts of the Fen country, and the thrilling climax caused one of the most fervid scenes of excitement and delirious joy seen at a fight for years.

Boon's triumph was both brilliant and, until late in the 11th round, entirely unexpected. He was being steadily and confidently outpointed by his experienced and crafty opponent until a single punch in the 11th round caused a violent swing in the fight.

That punch was a tremendously powerful right hook to the stomach, planted as Boon slipped a left lead and came back with the full force of the shoulder turned into the blow. Crowley, who had been boxing with a speed and mastery which suggested that he could have gone on for twenty-five rounds if need be, collapsed to the floor. The pain expressed in his face showed clearly that he was badly hurt. Crowley rose after seven seconds, and Boon had the good sense and coolness to fight relentlessly to repeat that punch. He succeeded in landing several more heavy body punches before the round was over.

CROWLEY DEFENDS COOLLY

Crowley, however, defended coolly. His weak spot had been exposed—the only time he had ever been knocked out in nine years of boxing was in exactly the same way—but he masked his trouble, and in the twelfth round, when Boon's inexperience led him into some wild swinging for the head, Crowley gradually settled down and started to steal punches again.

In this round, picking the right moment as Crowley dashed in, Boon tried a counter to the body. He achieved this most difficult but damaging punch admirably, and one could see that he thereupon began to concentrate upon it.

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BOON'S PUNCH POWER

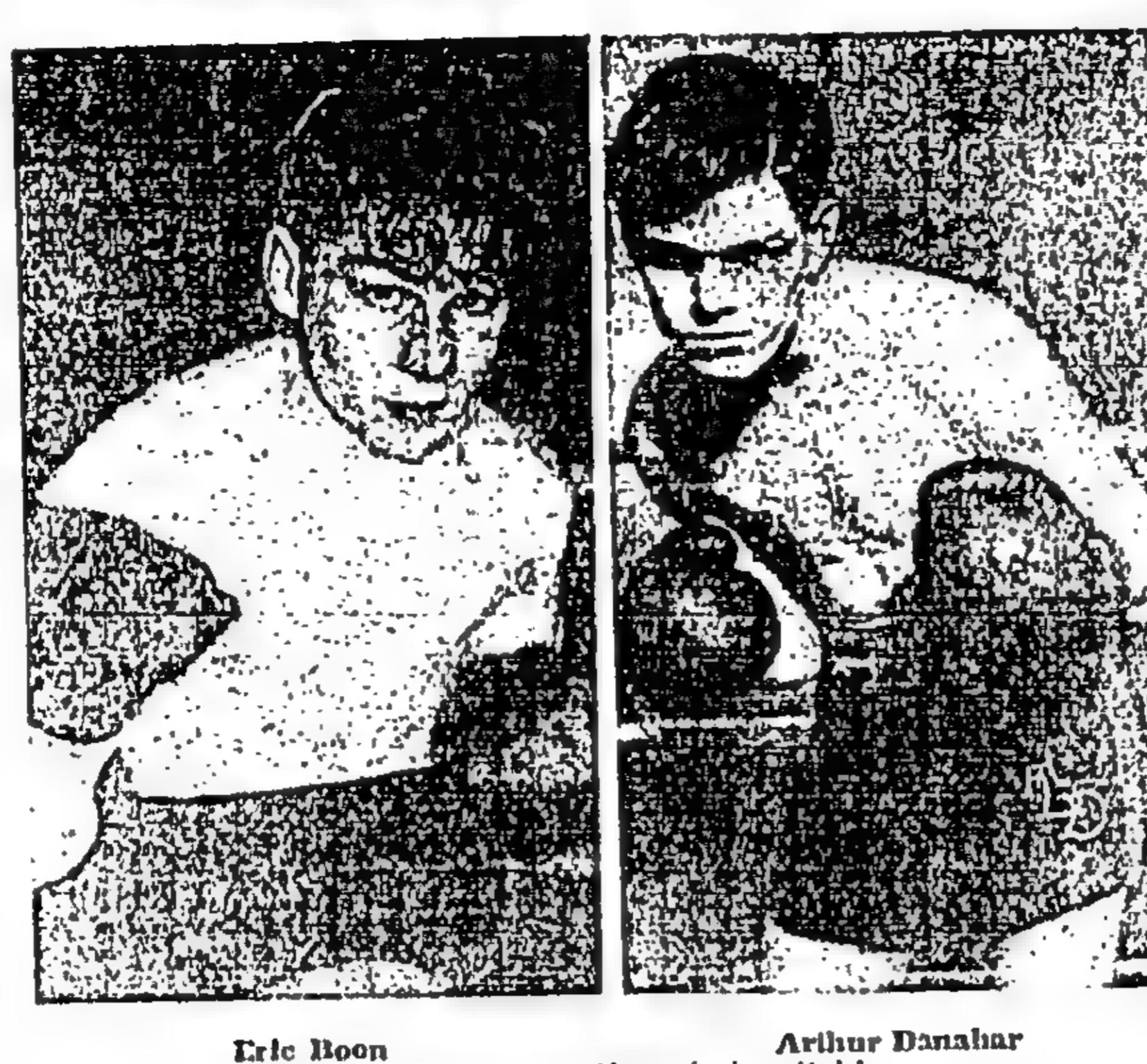
Boon will be 19 on Dec. 30. He is very young to achieve such prominence in boxing, but for six months he has been an outstanding lightweight.

Strongly built, he boxes well, is very fast and hits with as much force as most men a stone heavier.

It has been a short championship reign for Crowley, and this little sportsman deserves some sympathy amid the admiration for his conqueror. Crowley took nine months to achieve his ambition, held the title for less than six months, accepted the first challenger and lost the title to him. A very clever little boxer, Crowley has never had a damaging punch.

Mr. C. B. Thomas, of Wales, was the referee, and the weights were: Crowley, 9st 7½lb; Boon, 9st 9lb. Johnny McGroarty, the former feather-weight champion, was beaten on points over eight rounds in a return fight with Jack Carrick of Hull. McGroarty boxed below his usual form and, I thought, without confidence.

He seemed rather depressed by the tactics of Carrick, who rushed at him with the wildest of swings throughout the first two rounds, landing scarcely a blow, McGroarty as he



TWO PROMISING YOUNGSTERS

Here And There With "Abe"

Two Young Boxers To Be Brought Together Soon

WITH such a shortage of really promising material in the British boxing world, it was inevitable that two such promising youngsters and sure-drawing cards as Eric Boon and Arthur Danahar would be brought together sooner or later. There are those who feel that for the sake of British boxing, they should be brought together over each other for at least another year. But since Eric Boon knocked out Dave Crowley to win the British lightweight championship, the clamour for a meeting of the two youngsters has become even louder, and it is probably to satisfy public demand that the two have been matched. They will meet at Harringay on February 23 and Boon's title will be at stake. Len Harvey, the British heavyweight champion, and one of the most astute figures in the British ring, recently declared: "If I were managing either boy, I should steer him clear of the other for another year at any rate. If these two boys were to meet tomorrow, there would be a fireworks display and no mistake. But the loser would probably be lost to the game and the winner would have all the fight knocked out of him. We are too short of material to sacrifice it in this manner, and I suggest they do it their own way for a bit." Notwithstanding this advice, the two youngsters have been matched—for better or worse only the future will reveal.

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Attempt Failed

IN November, Mr. Sydney Hulls caused a sensation when he announced that he was signing them up on behalf of a wealthy patron to fight at a private party he was giving. The purse agreed was declared to be £1,250, to be shared equally between the contestants. When Boon was informed of the arrangement by his manager, Jack Solomons, he said,

used to box—as he did when he last met Carrick—would have given him a smart lesson in the penalties for wild swinging.

But in the third round one of these swings found its mark. McGroarty took three counts in this round, and although he avoided the worst of the trouble afterwards, he never looked like winning.

OTHER RESULTS

FEATHER (8 rounds): Len Beynon (Sunderland) and Billy Walker (Stratford) drew.

WELTER (8 rounds): Norman Snow (Northampton), outpointed Harry Carter (Middlesbrough).

FAIRER CONDITIONS FOR RYDER CUP GOLF NOW ARRANGED

Germany Files Entry For Davis Cup

Berlin, Jan. 10. Germany has filed her entry for the Davis Cup Competition in 1939, according to a statement issued here to-day.

The German Davis Cup team will this time consist of Henner Henkel, captain, the South German Roderich Menzel (who played for Czechoslovakia in former years), George von Metaxa, and Hans Redl.

The Berlin player, Rolf Coopert, will act as emergency man.—Trans-Ocean.

Hockey

'VARSITY BEATEN IN TOURNEY

An interesting encounter was witnessed on Monday when the R.A.O.C. met the University on the latter's ground in the Hongkong Hockey Association Tournament, and after a hard match the Ordnance managed to take both points when L/Sgt. Lang netted the only goal of the match late in the second half.

The Ordnance were well served by Cpt. Tracey at inside left, Sgt. Evans and Sgt. Drake at half back, and Pte. Locke was the best back on view.

The first half was very even but the Ordnance assumed superiority in the second stanza and the University was very busy. The Ordnance were unlucky not to take the lead when a fine shot by Cpt. Tracey went only inches wide of the post with the keeper well beaten.

A few minutes later the Ordnance went ahead when Sgt. Lang, receiving a pass from Cpt. Tracey, scored with a well-placed shot.

The University rallied and attacked hotly but the Ordnance defence held out.

Eric Boon's Career

KNOWN as "Sonny" to his friends and to the 5,000 inhabitants of his native Cambridgeshire village of Chatteris, blue-eyed, ruddy-complexioned Boon has been fighting for six years. At the age of 12 he was beating boys much older than himself. Before he was 16, he had fought 40 times and won mostly on knock-outs. Until last year he continued working in his father's forge, whence he reckons he got his powerful punch. The crowning achievement of his career, of course, was his victory over Dave Crowley last month in a lightweight championship bout. He was being led on points when his powerful punch came out once again and knocked out Crowley.

Danahar's Career

A dark-haired, grim-looking cockney from East London's Bethnal Green attracted the eye early last year of John Hardinge, National Sporting Club secretary. Son of a professional fist-singer of early post-war years, Arthur Danahar had a normal urchin's elementary school upbringing. When he was 17, he turned as a lightweight under the amateur code. Young Danahar quickly won the Amateur Lightweight title of Great Britain, and this year he was taken up by the N.S.C. Father Danahar applied to the British Boxing Board of Control for a second's licence, but the Board was slow in replying, and he watched his son's first few money-making efforts from the side of the Press row at the Earls Court Stadium. Arthur's first big professional performance was to stop Boyo Rees in March. Since then he has gone on undefeated. Last November he took only one round to best tough Welshman Douglass Kestrell, unstopped in 300 flights. Apart from the fact that he has an attribute rare in Englishmen to-day—a wallop—Arthur

Danahar at 19 is exceptionally dexterous when in the ring. For a fighter of his scant experience, he moves very fast. When he weighed in at 9st. 13½lb, for his bout with Kestrell rumours spread that he had difficulty in making the lightweight limit. Protested Danahar: "I can do 10st. 9lb, whenever I like. When I won my amateur title I weighed 9st. 9lb. Yet three days later I scaled 10st. 2lb. I intend fighting for the Lightweight title, and all I have to do is watch my diet." Well, here's his chance.

Soccer Interport

ALTHOUGH Manila has not yet given a definite reply to Hongkong's invitation, it is almost certain that a team from the Philippines will be up here during the Chinese New Year holidays for a series of matches. The officials of the Hongkong Football Association are working on this assumption, and have already arranged for the Manila team to play three matches in the Colony. History will be made when the visitors play a representative Hongkong side, for never before have the two ports met at soccer, though several Colony teams—not representative—have paid visits to Manila in the past at the invitation of the P.A.A.F. The first meeting may well prove the first link in a chain possessing a future as historic as the Hongkong-Shanghai series. Soccer has made great strides in the Philippines in the last decade, and therefore the keenness of the Filipinos to pit their skill against other Far Eastern ports was only to be expected. While not as scientific perhaps as the Chinese, they have easily adapted themselves to the game and are very speedy. Their matches in the Colony are certain to be interesting.

Well, the Tests are mercifully only four days here, so Hutton apparently

FAIRER CONDITIONS FOR RYDER CUP GOLF NOW ARRANGED

London, Dec. 10.

Here is great golf news. An agreement has been reached between our Professional Golfers' Association and their opposite number in America that in future the Ryder Cup tournament, staged every two years, shall be played in time and place to the choice of the visiting team, so far as this can be arranged.

As a start, when our men go across in 1939 to play in the United States, they will probably play in October or November, in either Florida or California.

This will be greeted with cheers from former players, for some British Ryder Cup men can recall having to play this match in mid-summer south of the Mason-Dixon line, when Negroes were dying of the heat, spectators at the match fainting, and our men played against medical advice and under the watchful eye of doctors. That, obviously, was not golf.

A REAL TEST

Similarly, the Americans have complained over here that they have been forced to play in a gale and blinding rain, to which they are not accustomed. Each side undoubtedly had a grievance, and the desire to make this great annual match a real test of golf is all to the good.

Next year's arrangement means a good deal more to our men. It means that they will have the chance after the Ryder Cup match of playing on the winter circuit of tournaments, which offers about £10,000 in prize money.

So now, please, no more grousing from beaten players; and no more irritating slanging matches by teams on their return home. The last packet was getting serious.

TWO GAMES PLAYED IN F.A. CUP

London, Jan. 10. Two of the postponed matches in the Third Round of the F.A. Cup were decided to-day, the results being as follows:

Southport 1 Doncaster 1 Grimbsy 6 Tranmere 0

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (FIRST DIVISION)

Clyde 3 St. Johnstone 1

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NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

INTRICATE BUT UNPROGRESSIVE SOCCER

Scots Did More With One Kick Than Hungary With Five

Says Charles Buchan

Scotland 3 Hungary 1

London, Dec. 8.

Despite the loss of Black, their inside-left, Scotland had little difficulty in disposing of the challenge of Hungary. In fact, it would probably have been a better game if Scotland had started with ten men.

When Black left the field Scotland held a winning lead of three goals. The Hungarians, against the depleted opposition, never suggested to me or to many of the 23,000 spectators that they would pull the game out of the fire.

They gave what I call a "pretty" exhibition. Though the muddy ground, little short of a quagmire, did not suit their style, they passed accurately, took up good position and occasionally combined cleverly. But there their virtues ended.

When they approached the Scottish goal the forwards wanted the ball exactly right at their feet before they attempted to shoot. They made chances only to squander them because they could not hit a moving

ball. Before they brought it under control the Scottish defenders smothered their efforts.

NOT SCOTLAND'S BEST

It was the same in midfield. The Hungarians used the ball discreetly, but they took too long about it. By the time they had finished a movement, quite pleasing to watch, the Scottish defenders were at their post ready for the final onslaught.

The Hungarians played what I call mechanical football. I could usually tell where they would place the ball long before the pass was made.

On one occasion the ball went from the right to the left of the field, all five forwards touching it, but not a yard of ground had been made. Another time Tilkes and Cach interchanged passes five times, yet they finished in the same place! The Scots were more effective with one kick than the Hungarians were with five.

And Scotland were not a good side. The selectors will have to put on their thinking caps before they select the team to meet England at Hampden Park next April.

I doubt whether six of the players will retain their positions.

There was little wrong with the defence, though I have seen Beattie, the Preston back, more assertive.

McSPADYEN A SUCCESS

Shanks took the honours in a moderate Scottish half-back line. He infused a lot of energy into his play and used the ball discreetly. Symon was terribly slow, and Baxler rather easily beaten by the clever moves of

Doctor Sarosi, the Hungarian centre-forward, who usually took the ball and flanked out to the flanks before delivering a through pass to Cach. He succeeded with the move several times, but Cach had not a shot, never mind a goal, in his locker.

In attack McSpadiden, the substitute for Delaney, carried off the honours. He was fast, beat his man with consummate ease, and placed his centres well—an international for some time to come unless I am greatly mistaken.

McCulloch had few chances until the closing minutes. Then he rather marred his chances of further honours by shooting wide twice when he had all the time in the world to place the ball in the net.

THREE "GIFT" GOALS

It was unlucky for the Hungarian rearguard that they practically gave away the three goals—the first from a penalty and the others came through goalkeeping errors—for defence was the best part of the team. Szabo patiently tested with many brilliant saves, while the sturdy, impetuous Biro had no superior.

After Walker had failed with a simple chance, Scotland took the lead in the eighteenth minute by means of a penalty. Black was going through when he was brought down unmercifully and Walker scored from the penalty and

BLACK'S INJURY

Then in the space of two minutes came two further blows for the Hungarians. First, Szabo sent a weak clearance to Black, who from 20 yards put the ball quickly into the net before the goalkeeper had got back. Secondly, both Koranyi and Szabo chased a long pass from Symon, only to see the ball strike the full-back and fall at Gillick's feet. The outside-left took the proffered gift.

Though the Hungarians often looked dangerous in the second half, they could only score from a penalty. Beattie was adjudged to have handled a centre from Tilkes, and Szabo beat Dawson from the spot.

Second Division: Anderson (Hearts), Beattie (Preston), Gillick (Preston), Baxter (Middlebrough), Symon (Stenhouse), McNaughton (Prestwich), Walker (Prestwich), McCulloch (Derby), Black (Derby), Gilligan (Portsmouth), Hungary: Szabo, Koranyi, Biro, Pogar, Turay, Dudas, Tilkes, Cach, Sarosi, Toldi, Gyuray.



Freddie Bartholomew and Gale Sondergaard in "Lord Jeff"

LEADING SOCCER SCORERS

LAWTON STILL IN FRONT

London, Dec. 21. Lawton, of Everton, still leads the goal scorers in the Football League with 18 successful shots. Next are Fenton (Middlesbrough) and Clarke (Blackburn) with 17 each.

Division I

Lawton (Everton)	18	Duchan (Blackpool)	11
Fenton (Middlesbrough)	17	Vorster (Middlesbrough)	12
Hodgson (Leeds)	13	Carter (Sunderland)	12
Howe (Grimbsy)	13	Brown (Charlton)	12
O'Donnell (Aston V)	11	Stile (Stoke)	10
McCullouch (Derby)	11	White (Birmingham)	10
Dix (Derby)	10	Hanson (Chelsea)	10
Mills (Chelsea)	10	Stevenson (Everton)	10
Tadman (Charlton)	10	Fagan (Liverpool)	10
Hunt (Bolton)	9	Beattie (Grimbsy)	10
Nieuwenhuys (Liverpool)	9	Taylor (Liverpool)	10
Westcott (Wolves)	9	Price (Huddersfield)	10
5 for Manchester City.	7	7 for Blackpool.	7
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Division II			
Clarke (Blackburn)	17	Brook (Manchester C.)	9
Calma (Newcastle)	10	Henselgrave (W. Brom.)	9
Hunt (Sheffield)	10	Hall (A.)	9
Howe (W. Brom.)	10	Wentham (Brom.)	9
Jones (W. Brom.)	14	Lager (Coventry)	8
Lyon (Chesterfield)	14	Wedde (Blackburn)	8
Macaulay (W. Ham.)	12	Sinith (Bradford)	8
Dodd (Sheffield)	12	Damford (Swansea)	8
Clarke (Blackburn)	12	Crawshaw (Nottingham)	7
Hoole (Pulham)	11	Hall (W.)	7
Herd (Manches- ter C.)	11	Trotter (Nottingham)	7
Hullett (M. C.)	11	Manders (Wich.)	7
Hillington (M. C.)	10	Milson (Man- chester C.)	7
Clarke (W. Brom.)	10	Mooney (Newcastle)	7
Burgin (W. Brom.)	7	Butt (Blackburn)	7
Briggs (Southampton)	7	Clayton (Bury)	7
Walker (Millwall)	8	Clifton (New- castle)	7
Barker (Millwall)	8	Ormandy (Bury)	7
Lewis (Bradford)	8	Doherty (Man- chester C.)	7
Division III—(South)			
Cheetham (Q.P.R.)	15	Hurst (Brighton)	7
Morton (Swinton)	14	Nolan (P. Vale)	7
Collins (Cardiff)	14	Roberts (P. Vale)	7
McPhee (Reading)	11	Bott (Q.P.R.)	6
Haycox (Tor- toway)	10	King (Nottingham)	6
Ray (Aldershot)	8	Egan (Aldershot)	6
Dutton (Man- chester)	8	Bowl (Exeter)	6
Stephens (Bir- mingham)	8	Fhdon (Exeter)	6
Langley (Bos-combe)	8	Williams (Clap- ton C.)	6
Dawes, A. (G. Palace)	8	Peters (Bristol C.)	6
Smirk (South- end)	8	Gregory (C. Palace)	6
Dundee (South- ford)	8	Derrick (Newport)	6
Talts (Reading)	7	Bambrick (W. Hull)	6
Division III—(North)			
Prendergast (Chester)	10	Clare (Lincoln)	5
Bramall (Rotherham)	16	King (Barrow)	5
Asquith (Bir- mingham)	9	Keeler (Doncas- ter)	5

Division III—(South)

Prendergast (Chester) 10 Clare (Lincoln) 5

Bramall (Rotherham) 16 King (Barrow) 5

Asquith (Bir- mingham) 9 Keeler (Doncas- ter) 5

REVENGE CLASH

New York, Jan. 10. Promoter Mike Jacobs has arranged a revenge clash over 15 rounds between Billy Conn, Pittsburgh's new light heavyweight sensation, and Freddie Apostoli, middle-weight champion, for February 10.—United Press.

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Miss S. Remedios and Miss I. Ferreira (Recreio) beat Miss Wong and Mrs. Anderson 21-4; beat Miss Greiner and Miss Churn 21-9; beat Miss Wong and Miss White 21-2.

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RECREIO LADIES SUCCEED

EASY BADMINTON WINS LAST NIGHT

Two matches in the Ladies' Doubles Badminton League were decided last evening, the Club de Recreio "A" beating Taikoo Club by 0-0 and the Club de Recreio "B" defeating St. Andrew's 8-1.

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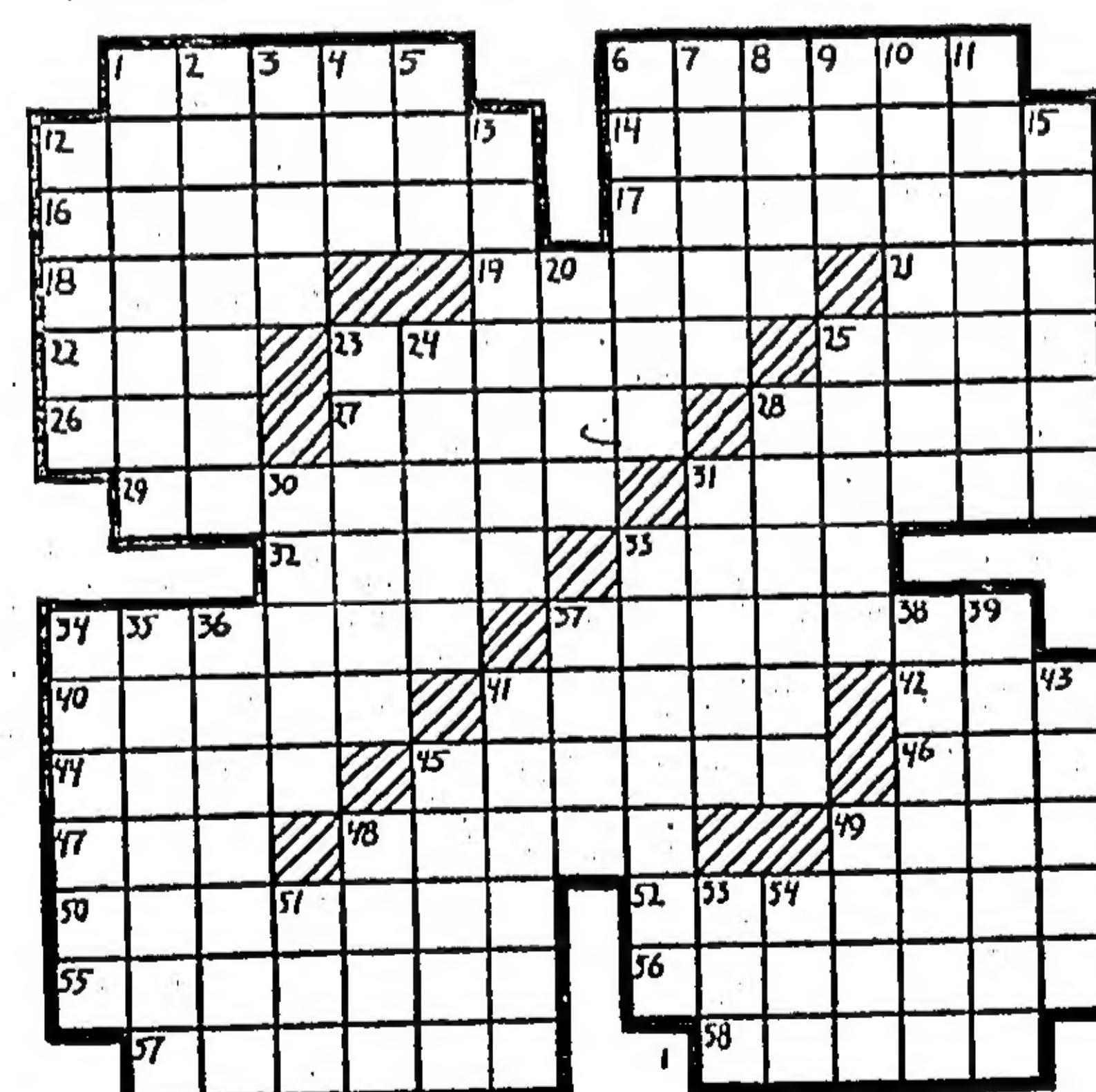
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Mother looks on IN VELVET

Once one gets to the matronly stage something a little more dignified is demanded in the way of design.

And for dignity and grace and warmth there's nothing to equal velvet. That is why I know all mothers and matronly-figured aunts would love to have that charming frock in ring velvet which you see sketched on the left of this page.

There is a nice fullness in the skirt and clever gathering at the shoulders to throw the bodice into a graceful line. There's the flattering V neckline, with a finishing jabot and inset yoke in dull ivory crepe.

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The best colours are bottle green, brown, burgundy red, navy, and black.

Make It a Date

THESE tempting little date cookies will be popular at teatime. Make them with 6oz. 1 rolled oats, 4oz. plain flour, 2oz. brown sugar, 2oz. lard, 2oz. butter or margarine, 2½ teaspoonsful baking powder, pinch of salt, ½ gill milk.

Sift together flour, salt and baking powder. Add oats and sugar. Melt all fat and add to dry ingredients with enough milk to make a light dough. Roll out to 1 inch thickness and cut with round cutter.

Bake in a fairly hot oven for 20-25 minutes. When cool stick in pairs with the date filling.

To make this, chop 1lb. dates and stew till soft with a teaspoonful of water and 2oz. brown sugar. Use the mixture when cold.

Fruit-Nut Scones

They'll score full marks for flavour. Ingredients: 8oz. flour, 2oz. butter, 1½ oz. caster sugar, pinch salt, 2oz. chopped dates, 2oz. chopped walnuts, 4 rounded teaspoonsful baking powder, 1 gill milk or buttermilk.

Sieve together all dry ingredients, rub in fat, add dates and walnuts. Mix lightly with milk.

Divide equally into three, roll each portion into a round and cut across the top. Brush over with milk or egg, and bake in hot oven 15-20 minutes.

Women Who Cannot Forgive

ALTHOUGH there is already so much unpreventable unhappiness in this world of ours, how many women there are who deliberately add to it by harbouring grudges against friends or relations long after the events which caused the estrangements have receded so far into the past that they ought to have been forgotten.

Indeed, in some cases, so old is the quarrel that the aggrieved person would now find it difficult to explain what it was all about.

In one such case a sister took offence at something her brother did, and not only did she visit her displeasure on him and his wife, but she carried her grievance on into the next generation, so that their son has not only missed the friendship of his uncle and aunt, but that of their daughter, his cousin.

Repeatedly have the brother and his wife made overtures towards reconciliation, explaining the conduct which was misunderstood originally, and asking if that is the only cause of the estrangement, but as they now live in different towns, everything has to be done in writing, and so far their efforts have been in vain, although fifteen years have elapsed since the offence was committed.

The point I wish to emphasise is that life is too short to warrant the nursing of grievances. How much more sensible it would be if in all such cases the aggrieved person would immediately seek out the one who has done the injury and have the matter out with him or her.

The Result of Misunderstanding

How often would it be found that the whole trouble was the result of a misunderstanding; a sentence, perhaps, had been caught up out of its context and repeated with a wrong emphasis on it; a jocular remark passed on as if it had been spoken in earnest; an opinion expressed on an incomplete knowledge of all the relevant facts.

If, however, the injured person feels too sore to face the aggressor direct, as suggested, then instead of

nursing her grievance for years, hugging it to her bosom and filling her mind with poisonous thoughts which make her miserable, let her take

some mutual friend into her confidence and ask the latter to act as

peacemaker. Failing such a friend, her clergyman or minister will

usually be only too glad to undertake this Christian duty, and owing

to his position and experience, he

has a very good chance of being

successful in effecting a reconciliation.

J. G.

Useful Hints

GREASE can be prevented from spluttering all over the stove when frying ham, steaks, etc., by laying a piece of greaseproof paper over the top of the frying-pan. This absorbs all the splashes of fat, saves time and also prevents the smell of frying from penetrating through the house.

Paraffin, mixed with soap powder, will clean quickly very dirty paint, enamel, or porcelain.

When washing delicately tinted garments add a teaspoonful of Epsom salts to a gallon of water and use for the last rinse. This will prevent fading.

Black slate polish or blacklead gives a much better result if the cloth or brush with which the polish is applied is moistened first with a little cold tea.

An excellent way of cleaning enamelled trays is to sprinkle them well with flour after washing, leave a few minutes, shake off, then polish vigorously with a soft duster.

Silver that is not being used should be cleaned then laid away in a box with a large square of camphor. It will keep bright and unburnished for months.

When making starch for lace curtains, muslin curtains, or very thin cotton materials, dissolve a small piece of lard in the hot starch. This will prevent the iron sticking and give a smooth ironing surface.

two to three hours. Serve with sweet or custard sauce.

Steamed Orange Pudding

Three ozs butter, 3 ozs sugar, 5 ozs flour, 2 eggs, pinch of salt, 2 ozs orange rind and juice of a large orange.

Cream the fat and sugar. Beat the eggs well and add slowly to the mixture. Sift in the flour, baking powder, grated orange rind, and the orange juice. Mix well together.

Three ozs flour, 2 ozs suet, pinch of salt, 2 ozs orange rind and juice of a large orange. Mix well together. Add the suet and orange rind to the mixture. Turn the mixture into a greased basin.

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Goncharoff's Pupils Rehearse



The photographer caught George Goncharoff instructing Ellen Ford in a pose during rehearsals.—Jaffer.



These small pupils at the Goncharoff School of Dance are taking a lively interest in the rehearsals for the forthcoming ballet "Sleeping Beauty".—Jaffer.



Peggy Scotcher ties her ballet shoes during a rehearsal hour at the Goncharoff School of Dance.—Jaffer.



Goncharoff pupils with their ballet master posing for a final group during rehearsals. They will present the ballet "Sleeping Beauty" at the King's Theatre on February 2.—Jaffer.

Peggy Scotcher and Ellen Ford as they will appear in the "Sleeping Beauty" ballet.—D'Asia Studios.

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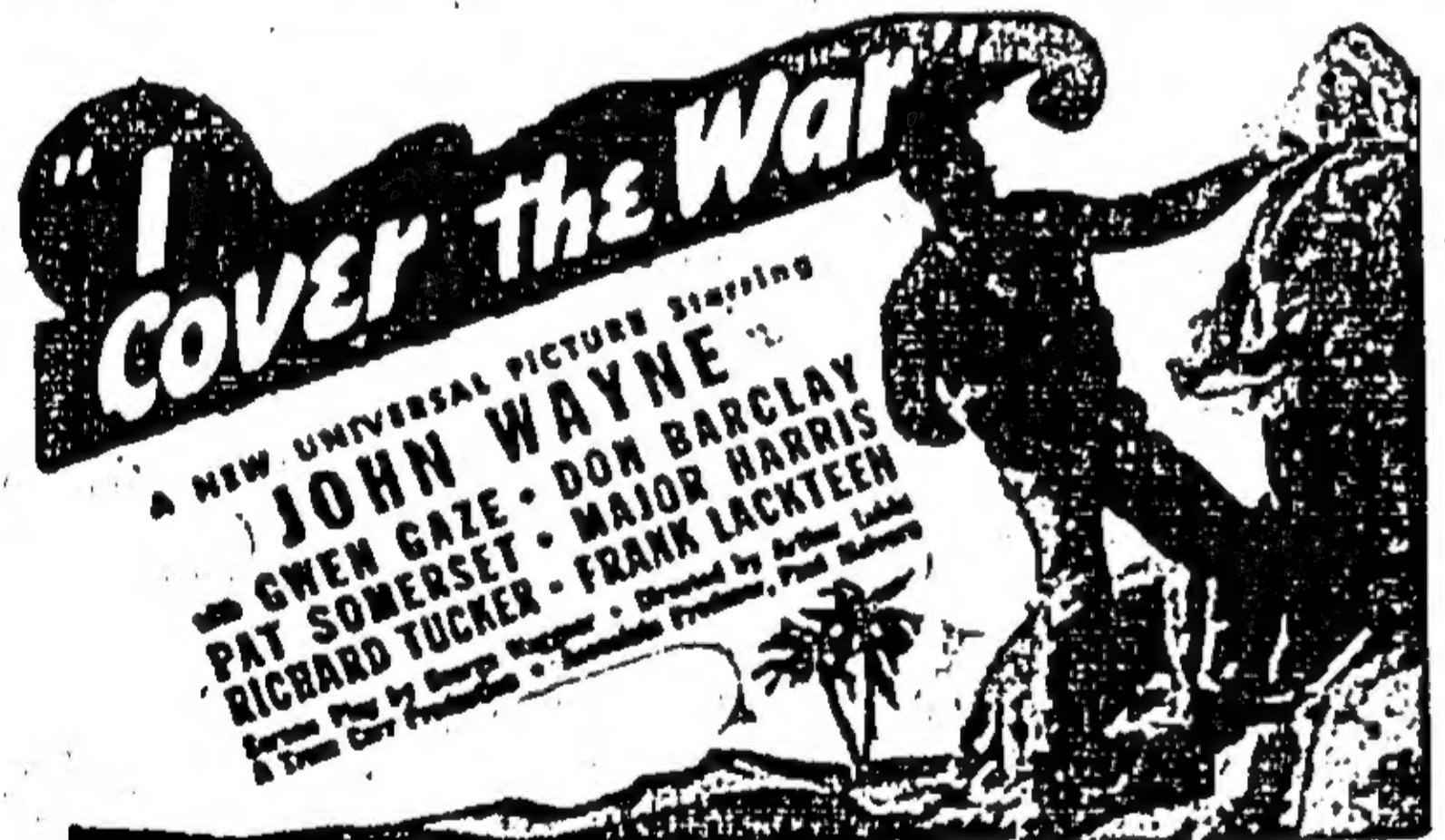


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Puppets will Repudiate All Loans to Chinese

PEIPING, Jan. 10. **A LONG STATEMENT** reaffirming the Provisional and Reformed governments' intentions not to recognise British and American loans to the Central Government, stresses that such loans will most likely make the people of China regard Britain and America as their "cursed enemies".

The statement also declares that the United Council might take steps against the movements of commodities which the National Government might try to make as compensation for the grant of loans.

EUROPEANS VICTIMISED

Mrs. H. Gordon, residing at the Peninsula Hotel, has reported the loss of a wrist watch valued at £30 somewhere between the Tytan Tuk power station and the Hotel yesterday.

Mrs. Rahn, residing at the Arlington Hotel, also lost a pair of spectacles valued at \$35, somewhere in Tsimshauzui or Central district between December 18 and December 23.

A cigarette case, valued at \$50, was lost by Mr. F. Lawrence, residing at the European Y.M.C.A., in the lounge of the Peninsula Hotel on January 8. Lt. B. Blanchford, of 7 Almali Villas, has reported that he either lost or had taken away from his residence, an overcoat and a pair of gloves, valued at \$75.

An abridged text of the statement reads: "There are reports to the effect that the Kuomintang Communist faction, which barely exists in a remote corner of China, has concluded loans with Great Britain and the United States for the purpose of obtaining military supplies. The Provisional Government of the Republic of China re-affirms its first manifesto, not recognising such contracts with whatever third parties."

"The termination of hostilities and the restoration of peace between China and Japan, and also a campaign for the eradication of Communism which will bring the downfall of the Ching Kai-shek regime are the firmly fixed aims of the people of East Asia, and they also represent the main current public opinion in China, since they are things about which the people of this country are most concerned."

Beyond Comprehension
"Great Britain and the United States are two countries which have long noted their knowledge of the Chinese situation, but this time we are unable to understand why they have failed to consider the actual situation. It is beyond comprehension that England and America have concluded loans with the Kuomintang Communist faction, despite the miserable straits to which Chungking has been driven with the possible consequences of unnecessarily prolonging hostilities."

"England, the United States, and other Western countries, may still be under the impression that the Kuomintang is the true Government of China, recognised by the people, but the fact is the Kuomintang has forfeited the people's confidence by the past 10 years of maladministration."

"Also that Power for many years has been unable to understand the welfare of Asia, and by selfishness and obstinacy, has plunged the country into an irretrievable path, which is indescribably miserable."

"The feeling of the majority of the people is as described above, yet England and the United States, failing to understand the new situation, fail to disregard the hopes dear to the Chinese people, and are merely seeking the favour of China."

"If this is the case, China will take no responsibility whatever in the future for loans of this kind. Also, we are absolutely unable to recognise whatever concession the Ching Kai-shek regime might grant, or any have granted, in exchange for the loans. Also that the United Council of the Republic of China will be compelled to take whatever steps may be deemed necessary against the movement of commodities that the Kuomintang Communist factions may try to make as compensation for the grant of loans." — United Press.

SURREYS ARRIVE IN PALESTINE

Jerusalem, Jan. 10. The 2nd, Queen's Own West Surreys arrived at Haifa to-day to relieve the 1st, Royal Scots, who are returning to England. — Reuter.

The Year's Most Incredible Story

Moscow, Jan. 10. Here is 1939's most incredible story.

Census officials, preparing to take a census in the southern Urals, have just discovered 47 villages in Tschkalov district.

Until the discovery, the Government or provincial authorities were unaware that the villages existed.

They had no post-offices, no Government buildings—and paid no taxes.

But they will in future.—Trans-Ocean.

Naval Officer's Car Kills Watchman

A car alleged to have been driven by a naval officer was responsible for the death of a 38-year-old Chinese watchman at the Royal Air Force Officers' Mess, Kowloon, yesterday afternoon, according to a police report.

The dead man was named Ng Hing. He was killed near the entrance to the Officers' Mess.

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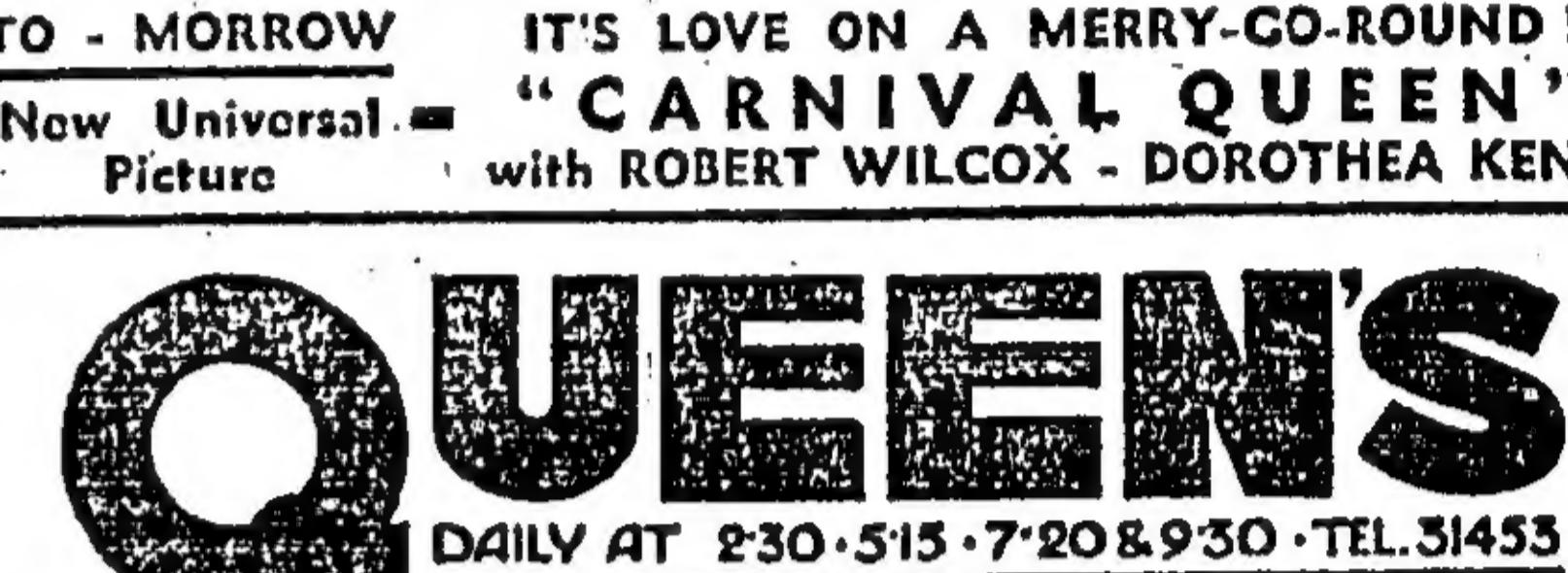


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BRUSSELS, Jan. 10. THE THREAT THAT Belgium would withdraw from the Non-Intervention Committee unless the committee was able to carry out its decisions, particularly for the withdrawal of volunteers from Spain, was made by M. Spaak, the Belgian Premier in a statement to the press to-day.

He declared: "Belgium has applied the principles of non-intervention with vigorous loyalty, and she is under a moral obligation to reconsider her position if the Non-Intervention Committee is unable to ensure its decisions being carried out."

Reuter.

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